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KOWLOON GUN DUEL Tear-Gas Used When Gunmen Shelter In Ruins Three Wounded In "Battle"

One man was killed and several others wounded in a gun duel on the Island yesterday afternoon between a gang of robbers and nearly 100 policemen. During the half-hour battle, the Police were reinforced by the Emergency Unit and tear-gas bombs were brought into play. When the miniature "Sydney Street" battle ended, one gangster was dead, and another wounded, while Detective Lance-Corporal Wong Fuk was critically hurt and Detective Sub-Inspector Dempsey slightly injured.

WAGES BILL FIGURES

London, Feb. 3.
Nearly £90,000,000 has been added to the nation's wages bill as a result of increases in weekly rates in 1947.

They were 71 percent above the September 1939 level by December 30.

For about 5,000,000 workers the weekly wages rose by £1,750,000 compared with an increase of £1,000,000 for some 8,000,000 in 1946.

There was at the same time a reduction in working hours. About 5,200,000 had their normal weekly hours reduced by about three and a half.

There were fewer strikes than in 1946 but they affected more workers and lasted longer.

Last year 2,432,000 working days were lost compared with 2,153,000 in 1946.—Reuter.

Shinagawa Camp Echo

Yokohama, Feb. 4.

An Eight Army Military Commission today sentenced Takahisa Arai, former civilian guard at Shinagawa prisoner of war hospital in Tokyo, to three years hard labour for maltreating two American prisoners.

Arai's victims, who were beaten and abused, were Corporal Leon Inika of Wichita, Kansas, and Machinist's Mate R. F. Banger of Compton, California.

Many Hong Kong P.O.W.s were at Shinagawa camp, which was the hospital camp for the Tokyo area.—United Press.

Lords To Reject Govt. Bill

London, Feb. 3.
The Conservative-dominated House of Lords will tomorrow throw out the Labour Government's Bill to cut to one year the peers' powers of delaying legislation unless in the interval the Cabinet offers certain concessions.

The Government was tonight considering an Opposition proposal made in the debate today, for immediately convening an inter-party conference to consider the controversial issues raised by the Bill.

Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal, promised to give the Government's reply tomorrow.

The House of Lords today seemed disposed to accept the Government's offer of immediate all-party talks on general reform of the House of Lords, provided the bill was either passed or rejected before the end of this session.

But they were suspicious of what they described as an "ambiguity" in the Government's offer.

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Huge Dredger "Launched"



Sten Guns Stolen

The "China Mail" learned from reliable sources yesterday that 12 Sten guns were discovered missing from Whitfield Barracks on Tuesday. No other information was obtainable.

DOCKYARD LAYING-OFF WORKERS

The lay-off of some 700 workers in the Royal Naval Dockyard since December last, with the prospect of further mass dismissals, reportedly on Admiralty instructions from home, has caused consternation among the 5,000-odd men employed at the Dockyard.

The lay-off, which at first started on a small scale, has increased alarmingly during the last two weeks. It is reported.

Two appeals for a slowing down in the retrenchment plan are said to have been made to the Commodore by the men's representatives, but without avail.

The sudden throwing out of such a large body of fellow workers is posing a serious problem for the Dockyard Workers' Club (or Union). It is reliably learnt that a third appeal for a stay of the retrenchment "axe" is being made to the Commodore.

A request for information at the Commodore's office elicited the reply that an official statement on the matter would be issued to the Press in a day or so.

Shanghai Vital Statistics

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

Three hundred fifty-one persons committed suicide in Shanghai during 1947 while 584 others had their attempts foiled, police statistics disclosed.

During the year, police records show, 477 men and 458 women attempted to end their lives resulting in 351 fatalities.

They included nine persons who were above 60 years old, but the largest number of persons who tried to kill themselves was in the 20-29 age bracket—451.

Two hundred twenty-two who attempted suicide during the year were in the 30-39 age bracket.

Police records also showed that 233 who tried to kill themselves were jobless and 344 were elementary school graduates.

Lingering illness caused 117 persons to end their own lives, marital difficulties 33 others, and loss of employment 61 more.

Fifteen persons tried suicide because they were denied "freedom" to marry.

Some 647 were killed and 1,216 injured in accidents and robberies, fist fights, stabbings and shootings.

There were 7,946 traffic accidents during 1947, causing death to 270 and injuries to 8,400. Five hundred ninety-four Chinese army vehicles and 181 American military vehicles were among the cars involved in accidents.

During the year, 727 bodies were picked up on the streets, mostly during the cold weather. They included 378 children, 298 men and 40 women.—U.P.

SHANGHAI RIOTS STRAWS IN WIND Serious Discontent

Three Tigers On Prowl

Three tigers are roaming the hillside at Ta Ku Ling, near the frontier, according to reliable reports from the New Territories.

Villagers arriving from the New Territories to buy goods for the New Year celebrations told the "China Mail" yesterday that two of the tigers were smaller than the animal which devoured a farmer's pig a week ago.

They said that the three tigers were recently seen just before dawn.

One of the men related how one night a man found himself 10 yards away from a tiger. The tiger slunk away.

So far there has been no report of any human being attacked.

Completely refitted, one of the biggest dredgers in the Far East was yesterday "launched" by the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, and handed over to the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

The dredger, former Japanese craft, has a capacity of 1,000 metric tons per hour. The Chinese authorities took it over from the Japanese in Hainan Island after the war.

The dredger, which has been named "Po Ting Cheong" (it was taken over from the Japanese), was towed from Hainan's Yulin harbour to Canton.

Three months ago, it was towed to Hong Kong to be refitted in the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dockyard.

Representatives of the Pearl River Water Conservancy Bureau arrived in Hong Kong on Monday to take over the refitted dredger which is to be used for dredging the Pearl River and its tributaries.

The "CHINA MAIL" Photo above shows the dredger undergoing its trials in Kowloon Bay.

Spectacular Macao Fire

Macao, Feb. 3.

A spectacular fire broke out early last night on a motor junk loaded with kerosene in the Inner Harbour.

The blaze brightened the foggy sky as thousands watched it devour the tiny vessel from vantage points along the waterfront.

As salvage work, a fleet of sampans did their best to help themselves to buoyant cans on the sea surface, but they had to hand back every tin to the Maritime Police on the scene.

Three were injured with burns and were detained in hospital.—Our Own Correspondent.

No Wage-Pegging In Britain

London, Feb. 4.
The Government has decided not to impose wage pegging—strongly opposed by the Trades Union Congress—the White Paper published today revealed.

Declaring that it was essential that there should be no further general increase in the level of personal incomes without at least a corresponding increase in the volume of production, the Government set out the following general considerations:

It is not desirable for the Government to interfere directly with the incomes of individuals otherwise than by taxation.

It is essential that there should be the strictest adherence to the terms of collective arrangements which ensure that wage movements take place in an orderly manner.

The statement continued: "In the present conditions and until more goods and services are available for the home market, there is no justification for any general increase of individuals' money incomes."

"Such an increase will merely raise the costs of production without making more goods available and so can only have an inflationary effect. It does not follow that it would be right to stabilize all incomes as they stand today."

"National Merits"

"Each claim for an increase in wages must be considered on its national merits."

"There is no justification at the present time for any rise in incomes from profits, rents and other like sources," the statement added.

"On the other hand, if at some future time there should be a marked rise in the cost of living level of those personal incomes which, as a result, become inadequate, these would need reconsideration."

Summing up, the Government declared: "If a general increase in profits, salaries and wages take place without more goods being made available, no one can obtain and realize a profit except black-market operators; the rest of the community has to endure dislocation and hardship which, inevitably, accompanies inflation."—Reuter.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

The two recent cases of assault on public officials, followed immediately afterwards by serious riots and loss of life at a factory in Shanghai, are symptomatic of the serious discontent, verging on desperation, permeating China, especially the poorer classes, today.

Main causes of this discontent are the steadily deteriorating economic conditions, entailing an extremely heavy rise in living costs.

These conditions are due mainly to the civil war which, owing to the Communists' destructive tactics, is wrecking the economy of Manchuria, the whole of North China and part of Central China, but also to the Government's economic policy which is strangling what little trade still is possible. Government monopolies, the shipping ring and the restriction of imports.

These measures are supposed to be necessitated by the Government's desperate need for foreign exchange for financing the civil war.

Whether avoidable or unavoidable, the monopoly Central Trust has anyhow greatly aggravated high flour prices which are pressing very hard on the poorer classes, the free import of flour is forbidden. Yet, though the Trust controls all flour imports, no system of fair distribution or rationing has been introduced.

Foreign firms who, before the introduction of the restrictions, had ordered flour imports, have been forced to sell them to the Central Trust for plus 10 per cent.

It is stated that part of this flour has been sold later in the Tientsin and Shanghai markets much above that price. Even admitting that Government receives all profits from the Trust's transactions, nevertheless it is obvious that this is a direct tax on the people's food.

Cutting across these causes of economic unrest there is also the growing antagonism between South and North China because the latter considers it has been neglected by the Central Government, which it thinks is only concerned with financial and commercial interests in Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley.

Fu Tso-yi

It is said that one reason for the appointment of General Fu Tso-yi, who is a northerner, to a new command was to allay northern dissatisfaction.

With civil war raging in a large part of the country, the present growing unrest is a very grave factor which might easily lead to food riots in the larger cities, involving unpredictable and far-reaching political changes.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE WEATHER

General situation: The Siberian anticyclone continues to cover all of China and the neighbouring seas. Pressure is low over Hainan and over the Pacific to the northeast of Japan, while a trough of low pressure is developing over the Yellow Sea where a depression is expected to form.

Forecast: Moderate east winds. Cloudy with occasional drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 61.5 deg. F. Minimum: 58.5 deg. F. Rainfall: Nil.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—31.9 mm.—1.25 ins. as against an average of 88.1 mm.—3.5 ins.

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DAMAGE COSTS' RELEVANCY IN TRAFFIC HEARINGS

The question of the relevancy of damage costs in traffic hearings again cropped up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. H. C. Lee of Wilkinson & Grist appeared as complainant against a tram driver, Lui Man-po.

Mr. Lee, whose car 2659 was damaged by Tram No. 27, under cross-examination by defence counsel, Mr. Y. K. Kan, said repairs cost him \$62.

"Since the sum is so small, I take it that the damage was very slight," said Mr. Kan. Mr. G. Binstead, Traffic Superintendent, prosecuting, interposed: "I think we can leave out the sum involved." The Police were not concerned with costs of damage. Traffic regulations had been broken, and that was all the Police were interested in.

Mr. Kan—"I think I know what the Prosecution is aiming at, but I'm not alleging in this case as I did in another case recently."

(Mr. Kan, in a recent case, said "of late there have been many summonses against tram drivers. In every case when a tram and another vehicle have had an accident, the tram driver generally was made the defendant. This is very significant and in my opinion Your Worship's Court is being used to settle matters which entirely concern the Civil Court.")

Mr. Kan yesterday contended that he wanted to mention costs to point out the extent of damage.

Mr. Lee

In evidence Mr. Lee said he was travelling behind the tram. Following road guide signals, witness said he turned right into Jackson Road. He passed the tram, which was going very slowly, at the bottom of Garden Road and stopped after passing the lavatory at the Queen's Road-Garden Road junction, when he saw a traffic constable put up the stop signal.

He signalled to vehicles behind that he was stopping. Mr. Lee said, and pulled up opposite the Car Park a few inches away from the tram track.

The morning was clear and sunny, witness stated in answer to a Prosecution query as to visibility.

The tram hit his rear offside mudguard, Mr. Lee continued, and "the impact was great enough to shake me up."

The tram driver, Lui, said that when he approached the bend he cut off his power as he was going downhill. He saw the car overtaking his tram and stopping. He had applied both his emergency and hand brakes because he saw the car was too close to the track. The momentum downhill might have pushed the tram a little further so as to brush the car.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Norman Senior stated that a tram travelling on level ground at eight m.p.h. would stop over 28 feet in five seconds and at five m.p.h. over 13 feet in 3.5 seconds.

Not Relevant

Mr. Kan contended that the evidence was not relevant. Tram No. 27 was not the vehicle tested and the tests made were not in connection with the matter.

Reminders

Today

Annual Meeting, International Assurance Co., Ltd., 1214, Queen's Road, Central, 11 a.m.

Children's Party by Kowloon branch of Society for Protection of Children, Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.

Stage Club presentation of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Bridge & Mah Jong Drive, Sailors & Soldiers Home, Wan-chai, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Official opening of Kowloon Rotary Club, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cosmopolitan Chinese New Year Dance.

H.K. Football Referees Association Dinner, Luk Kwok Hotel, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer: Dunga v. Norwegians, Happy Valley.



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STAGE PLAY

The Hong Kong Stage Club's production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" played successfully to a full audience last night in the Mission to Seamen theatre. The play will be on for another three nights, with booking at Moutrie's. A review will appear in tomorrow's issue of the "China Mail."

Personalia

Lt. Col. J. R. Filmar-Bennett, MC, who has commanded the 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers for the past two and half years during their tour in India and the Far East relinquished his command at the beginning of this month. He is returning to the U.K. prior to taking up a new appointment in either Burma or West Africa.

His successor is Lt. Col. D. M. Shaw, DSO, MC, who recently arrived in the Colony from Mauritius Island where he was Garrison Commander. Lt. Col. Shaw served with the 2nd Bn. Inniskilling at Dunkirk, where he was awarded the Military Cross. In Burma and Madagascari he commanded a Commenda Unit and later in the war commanded the 2nd Bn. Inniskilling in Italy and Austria, being awarded the DSO, in Italy.

ATS Chief In Colony

Senior Controller M. J. C. Tyrwhitt OBE, Director ATS, who is touring ATS units in the Middle East and Far East, arrives in Hong Kong on Monday. Senior Controller Tyrwhitt, who is a daughter of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, C in C China Station 1927-28, has been serving with the ATS since its formation in 1938. In 1945 she became Deputy Director, assuming her present appointment early in 1946.

The ATS platoon in Hong Kong commanded by J. Condon, numbers 34. The majority of these Auxiliaries are attached to Signals, working as switch board operators, whilst the remainder are mostly clerks in HQ Land Forces. No higher praise could be given to this platoon than that of Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine, G.O.C. Hong Kong, who at a recent press conference stated, "They are excellent and I do not know what I should do without them."

After the war, the Army Council recognised the excellent work of the ATS and decided to make it a permanent arm of the Services, thus they are no longer an Auxiliary arm, and this title is to be changed in the near future.

Kenneth Aiber Parker, 17-year-old British seaman, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with being a destitute person and was committed to the House of Detention by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

The Devil Proved A Bad Driver

Chung Kwok-kau, 50-year-old licensed driver, was driving lorry 5208 along Castle Peak Road at 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 3 when, just at the 10-mile stone, the devil took over the control of the vehicle.

The devil, according to the story Chung told Traffic Sub-Inspector Raymond Bell and related to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday, was a very bad driver for he drove the lorry right into the mile-post, broke the steering mechanism, and went down the hillside.

Although the vehicle dropped 86 feet and the driving cab was smashed to pieces, he escaped unscathed.

The Traffic Department (Kowloon) took a more prosaic view of the whole accident.

According to TSI Bell, defendant reported to the Taun Wan Police Station that his lorry met with an accident at the 10-mile stone at Castle Peak Road.

The scene was visited by the Police who found that accused

was driving an empty lorry from Kowloon to Un Lung on the left side of the road, with its near side 29 feet south of the 10-mile stone.

They also found by the wheel-marks that the lorry ran along the embankment, knocked down the milestone, and proceeded (with its wheels still on the embankment) for another 141 feet before it rolled down the hillside to the sea, a sheer drop of 86 feet.

"Terrific Hurry"

There was no doubt, said TSI Bell, that defendant was in a "terrific hurry."

Accused, continued the prosecuting officer, told that he went down the 86 feet drop with the lorry. "In my opinion," said TSI Bell, "he jumped off, as the cab of the lorry was in a terrible mess."

Defendant's explanation of the accident was that the lorry was involved in a fatal accident in Hong Kong about two months ago and that the devil (of these killed) took over the control of the vehicle from him on the morning in question.

Mr. Latimer: "It is very dangerous for the public when the devil takes over the control of a lorry."

"Not Fit"

TSI Bell: "I personally do not think a man who lets the devil take over control of his vehicle is fit to be allowed a licence."

Magistrate: "Neither do I." Concluding, TSI Bell, pointed out that accused had six convictions between Feb. 20 last and Oct. 16 last year, including two "warning letters" for carrying excessive passengers.

Defendant was fined \$500 (or three months' hard labour), with the recommendation that his licence be suspended for 12 months.

LAND SALE

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3512 at Tai Po Road will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m.

The area is about 43,000 square feet. The annual rental is \$790 and the upset price \$21,500.

Sale Conditions may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road. Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,300 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

Saw Stolen Cloth Being Sold

How a chance conversation between Mok Yam, master of the Sing Yuet Factory of Suiter Street, and Lau Po-sang resulted in the recovery of all property stolen nine hours earlier from the factory and led to the arrest of a man and two women within 24 hours, was told by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The burglary took place at 4 a.m. on Jan. 27, said DSI Sykes, when Wong Sik-kyung (25) was charged with burglary and receiving stolen property, and Keung Kwai (43) widow, and Chan Kim-ying (24) married woman, with receiving stolen property.

At 9 a.m. Lau Po-sang, residing at 150 Yee Kuk Street, first floor, saw a man in the "teng" with Keung Kwai (a sub-tenant) examining red checked cloth and a black Chinese suit. The woman bought the goods for \$14.40.

Four hours later he was visited by Mok Yam who, in the course of conversation, mentioned the burglary at the factory. Lau was taken to the factory and shown a sample of the cloth stolen. Identified it as being similar to that sold on his floor.

Defectives, under DSI Sykes, went to the Yee Kuk Street address where they found the cloth and suit which Keung Kwai allegedly admitted having bought from a man called Lau Suif.

Pointed To Man

She brought the Police to 370 Reclamation Street, second floor, where, in the second cycle, she pointed out a man sleeping on the bed to the one from whom she bought the goods. He gave his name as Wong Sik-kyung. Wong, at the Wong Yek Police Station, admitted having stolen

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The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are order-in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the erection of tents on Beach" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, the 20th February, 1948.

2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following beaches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 16th April, 1948, to 14th November, 1948:—

Beach	Approximate area of site	Approximate No. of Tents
Repulse Bay (Main Beach)	Site A—13,000 sq. ft.	50
	Site B—10,000 sq. ft.	40
Stanley (Main Beach, Tyntam Bay)	Site A—7,000 sq. ft.	30
	Site B—5,000 sq. ft.	20
Island Bay (Shek O)	Whole Beach	75
Biz Wave Bay	Whole Beach	50

Plans of the above beaches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be allowed for the hire of tents:—

	Repulse Bay and Stanley	Island Bay and Biz Wave Bay
For a period not exceeding two hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hrs. but not exceeding 3 hrs.	3.00	4.00
" 3 " " " " 4 "	4.00	5.00
" 4 " " " " 5 "	5.00	6.00
" 5 " " " " 6 "	6.00	7.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Beach Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

9. For full particulars and form of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor.

10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

11. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above beaches.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

30th January, 1948.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Office of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Lot	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 3512	Tai Po Road	As per sale plan (Area coloured red)	41,500 (about)	\$790	\$21,500

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,500.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIFE,
Director of Public Works.

Date: 30th January, 1948.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION URGENT NOTICE

In order to serve notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at an early date, will all prewar members desirous of re-suming membership please send a chit notifying their name, address and motor car or cycle registration number to:—

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POLICE FORCE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enumerated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such portions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out in Part II of the said Table.

PART I.

TABLE

Portion of the Colony.
(Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table.)

Permitted Times.

In the Island of Hong Kong:—
(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.

(1), (2) and (3) from 11 p.m. on Monday the 9th February, 1948 to 1 a.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Royal Naval Hospital in Queen's Road East to Kennedy Road, along Kennedy Road to a line running immediately behind and parallel to Hing Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street by Tai Yuen Street and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road, and thence by Stewart Road and Hing Wan Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.

Also from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948.

(3) All the area within and bounded by Leighton Hill Road, to Caroline Road, to Shaokwan Road, along Eastern Hospital Road, to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Morrison Gap Road, to Morrison Hill Road, and back to Leighton Hill Road.

Also from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Monday the 16th February, 1948.

The streets and roads or portions thereof, as the case may be, through which boundary lines pass are included within the areas (1), (2) and (3).

In Kowloon:—
(4) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.

(4) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

(5) The area within (and including) the following boundary:—

Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to No. 4 Railway Bridge, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.
The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.

(5) The same times as for areas (1), (2) and (3) above.

(6) Elsewhere in the Colony.

(6) From 4 p.m. on Monday the 9th February, 1948 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday the 11th February, 1948.
From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday the 16th February, 1948.

PART II.

EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No firework shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along Bonham Road to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pound Lane, thence to and along and including Pound Lane, thence along and including Hollywood Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West to its junction with Queen's Street, thence along Queen's Street to its junction with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hospitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated 10th February, 1933, "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any firework which explodes on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient".

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing fireworks in contravention of the foregoing permission and rule.

W. L. A. SPARROW,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

10th January, 1948.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of EDWARD NISSIM late of No. 165 Meyer Road, Singapore formerly of 20 Route Pichon, Shanghai, in the Republic of China, merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th February, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1948.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors
Prince's Building,
Hongkong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of KENNETH de WOLFE WATSON late of The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, Foreman Joiner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th February, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1948.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Administratrix
Prince's Building,
Hongkong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of David McFerran late of Pokfulam, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, formerly of 36 Garturk Street, Queen's Park, Glasgow, Scotland, Engineer to the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Company, Limited of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 1st day of March, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 1948.

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Factory Rioting In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
Eighty of the 300 workers of the Sung Sing Cotton Mill who were arrested during the rioting on Monday night, are still held by the police after allnight questioning and it is expected that at least 30 will be formally charged with creating a disturbance.

Conditions at the factory are gradually returning to normal after the excitement and bloodshed but the full resumption of operations is unlikely before the Lunar New Year.

The Commissioner of Social Affairs, Dr. Wu Kai-hsien, stated that the factory is planning to discharge the guilty ones after due investigations. He added, however, that the lawless elements in the factory comprise but a small fraction of the employees.

"Law And Order"

The garrison commander, Lieutenant General Hsuan Ti-wu, bitterly deplored the recent

disorders in the city when he spoke at a conference to discuss the distribution of a scholarship fund yesterday afternoon.

Emphasising the necessity of observing law and order, he said the disturbances were fomented by "subversive elements."

Making his public appearance since the manhandling of Mayor K. C. Wu, he deplored the recent Tung Chi University incident and stressed that the proceeds of the scholarship fund should only benefit the poor and deserving students and not those of bad behaviour.

Riot Condemned

The Shanghai General Labour Union which claims to control the majority of Shanghai's 700,000 workers, issued a statement last night condemning the Sung Sing Mill riot and terming it as an affair "managed by treacherous and unruly elements conspiring to disrupt production and create a disturbance."

The Union charged the rioting workers with blithely walking into a trap by making "unreasonable" demands and calling the sudden strike.—Reuter.

General's Mission

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
General Cheng Kai-min, Vice-Minister of National Defence and reputed successor of General Tai Li as head of the secret police organization, previously known as the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics, arrived in Shanghai from Nanking this morning to coordinate efforts to prevent further rioting in Shanghai.

Chinese reports state that Gen. Cheng was sent to Shanghai by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek following a conference which the Minister of Social Affairs, Ku Cheng-kang—one of the closest followers of the Kuomintang Rightist, Chen Li-fu, also attended.—United Press.

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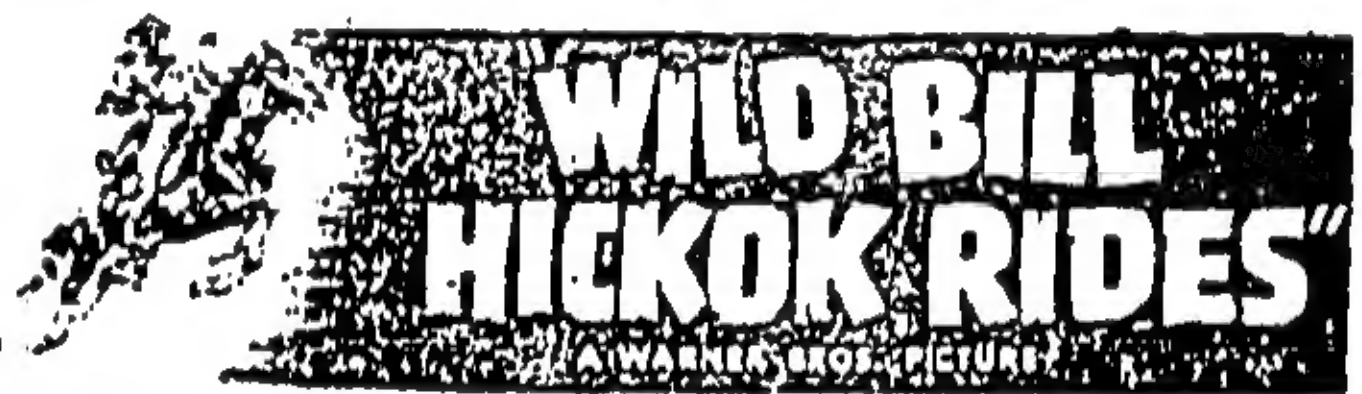
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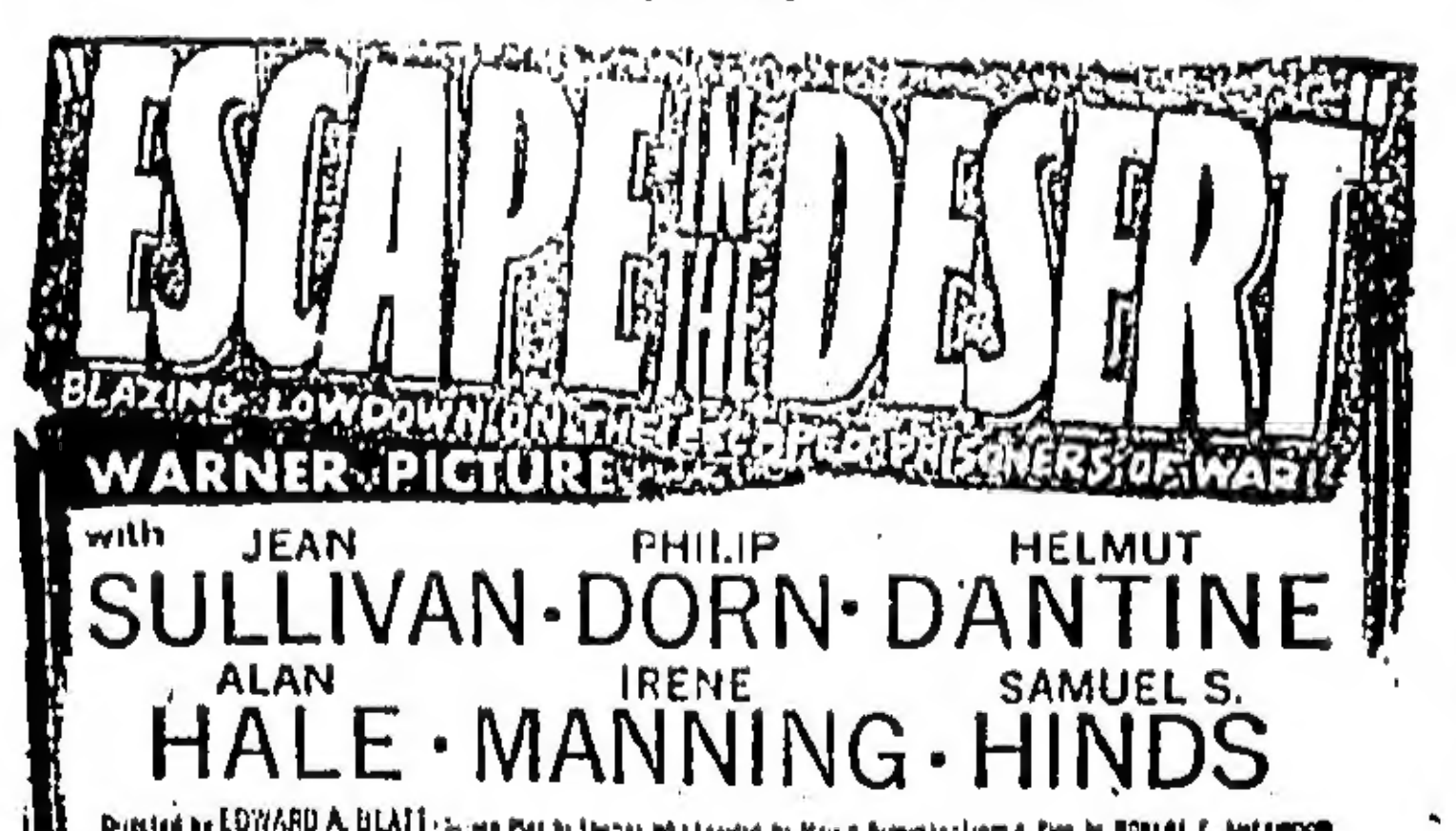


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"The peoples of our Commonwealth have reached a memorable goal. A free Federated Indonesia is about to take its place among the democratic nations of the world."

Queen Wilhelmina said a partnership of the United States of Indonesia, forming a union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles, was rapidly taking shape.

She added that common man was still far from being free from fear, and want in those parts of Indonesia "where terrorism are still committing manslaughter, pillage and arson. The powers of anarchy and disorder will be overcome because the Indonesian peoples are determined to take up the responsibilities and obligations of democratic self-government."

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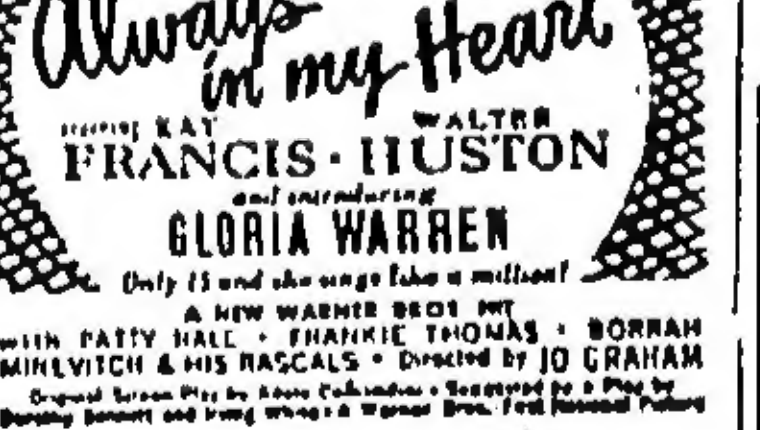
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Sydney, Feb. 4. Seven test-tube babies, Australia's first, will be born in Sydney by April, gynecologists at the Crown Street Fertility Clinic have announced.

A spokesman for the Australian Roman Catholic Church said the Church opposes artificial insemination, regarding it as immoral.—United Press.

TEST-TUBE BABIES

Ceremony At Aw Mansion

SINGAPORE, FEB. 4. ONE THOUSAND AGED POOR CHINESE THIS MORNING QUEUED UP AT THE PALATIAL NEW MANSION OF THE CHINESE MILLIONAIRE AND PHILANTHROPIST MR. AW BOON HAW, FOR GIFTS OF \$10 EACH, BREAD, FIVE CATTIES OF RICE, A BOLT OF CLOTH AND A JAR OF THE TIGER BALM WITH WHICH MR. AW MADE HIS FORTUNE.

Mrs. Aw counted out ten single dollar notes for each of the recipients from a table stacked high with \$10,000.

Mr. Aw transported most of the old people from the aged homes in special buses and he is entertaining 250 more aged poor at a midday meal, and this evening is throwing a cocktail party for 1,500 guests.

Mr. Aw is celebrating his 60th birthday and the "housewarming" of his new house, "Tiger Mansion," in the Tanglin district.

He is returning to Hong Kong on Feb. 7.—Reuter.

Tsingtao German Cleared

San Francisco, Feb. 3. United States immigration officials today detained Hans von Saucken, 54, former consul general in Tsingtao, under the German Nazi Government, for a routine check of his records and to determine whether he is welcome at his new post in the Dominican Republic.

Von Saucken arrived here aboard a Navy transport with his wife Norma and two children.

Later, inspectors said his papers were in order and the Dominican consul had confirmed his welcome in that country.

The Consul said von Saucken's admission had been recommended by the United States and British Consuls General at Tsingtao because he had worked against the Nazis and protected refugees from the Axis powers.—United Press.

on uneconomical methods in industry and excessive costs of local Government, which they said were "wasting millions of rubles."—United Press.

NEHRU ASKED TO RESIGN

New Delhi, Feb. 3. Socialist Party leaders have called for the resignation of India's Cabinet in alignment for the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

Jaya Prakash Narayan told a news conference Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru should quit and the government should be reconstituted to rid it of "all communal-minded ministers."—Associated Press.

SOVIET WASTE

Moscow, Feb. 3. The Budget Committee of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) today sharply criticized inefficiency in the Soviet Government and industry, charging that costs were far above planned levels while housing construction lagged behind.

Financial experts in the Lower House focussed their attack

POP



Holidays Abroad For Britons

London, Feb. 4. British tourists will again be able to holiday in Switzerland from May 1 as a result of the "satisfactory arrangements on the balance of payments," the Treasury announced tonight.

Holiday traffic will be regulated according to the balance of payments. After discussions between a Swiss delegation and the Board of Trade, an agreement was reached on measures to govern payments for the year ending Feb. 28, 1949, within the framework of the Anglo-Swiss monetary agreement of 1946, the statement said.

Agreement was also reached on a related programme of trade for 1948. During the year 1947 to 1948, the sterling area was in deficit with Switzerland, but it has now been agreed that for the year 1948 to 1949, payments should be brought into balance so that further losses of gold by the United Kingdom should be avoided, the Treasury added.

To make this arrangement possible, Switzerland will increase its imports from the sterling area and the Swiss authorities are prepared to authorize the importation of all classes of goods of sterling area origin.

The Swiss would, however, control the volume of exports to the sterling area in such a way as to keep it between the limits necessary to maintain the balance of payments.—Reuter.

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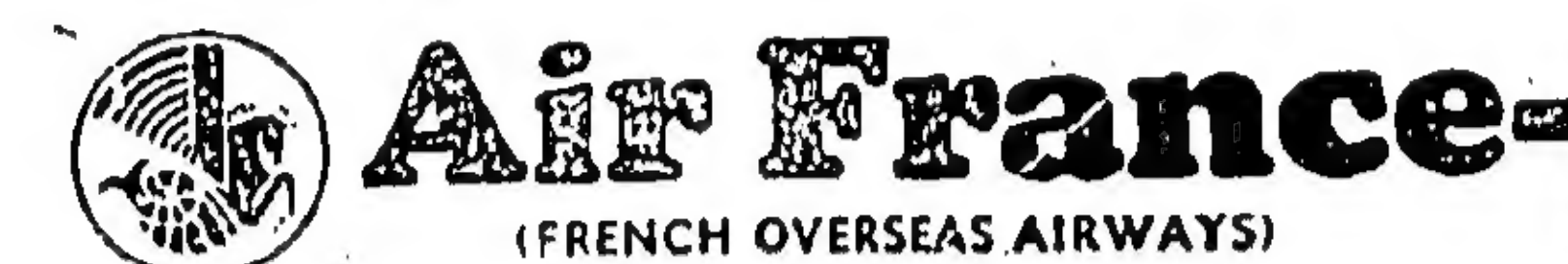


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TRAFFIC CODE CRITICISM

In questioning the arbitrary power conferred to the Commissioner of Police under Regulation 2 of the Traffic Ordinance, to suspend a driver's licence and to take a public vehicle off the road, Mr. F. H. Loeb, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, Tuesday, touched upon a very sore point. It is, in fact, an extraordinary piece of authoritarian thinking which does away entirely with the usual agencies of law enforcement in this Colony, and permits the Commissioner of Police to suspend a licence whether or not the offender has been convicted in a Magistrate's court.

No question arises of attacking the wisdom or discretion of the Commissioner of Police. One can only say that, like Caesar's wife, he is high above suspicion. In fact, however, these remarkably wide powers are not for need but for the province of the Commissioner, but must inevitably be delegated to a junior subordinate on whose reports the Commissioner must rely.

The obvious dangers need hardly be stressed. There are more than enough temptations to and opportunities for squeeze and corruption in the Colony without adding to them the possibility of exploitation of a power of licence suspension which can circumvent the check provided by magisterial proceedings, and thereby the simple necessity of proving a case.

Mr. Loeb's protest was based upon the fact, primarily, that seven taxis belonging to his clients had been ordered off the roads, although in some cases neither the driver nor the owners had been prosecuted in the courts, but had simply been the recipients of warning notices, the rule apparently being that three warnings entitle the police to take direct action.

Clearly, there is something highly dubious about the grant of wide powers of this description. Either one or two or all three of the offences are sufficiently serious to call for more than a warning, or the cumulative effect of three trifling offences must remain insufficient to justify the extremely drastic step of suspending a man's licence, or what is far more serious from a taxpayer's viewpoint, the idling of a vehicle for three months, which must involve serious loss. For the principle of keeping public vehicles from becoming a menace or a public nuisance, there will be every support. But there are ways and ways of enforcing conformity with traffic regulations, and this particular method is one which fails to measure up to ordinary standards of justice.

Decisions which affect a man's livelihood should be left to magistrates, who are privileged to hear both sides of a case. We have pointed to the risk that goes with the present system: there should be no risk at all, either of a miscarriage of justice, or of "persuasions."

Varsity Gets A Reprieve

Shanghai, Feb. 4. Just before his return to Nanking last night, Dr. Hsu Li-wei, Vice-Minister of Education, announced his military had cancelled the previous decision to dissolve the National Tzu Chi University for last Thursday's rioting and assault on Mayor K. C. Wu.

In a statement, Dr. Hsu said the reversal decision followed indications that the students were eager to return to classes. He also promised to extend the investigations to all the colleges whose students had aided and abetted in the rioting.

LET US REALLY FACE THE FUTURE

By Frank Owen

The stock of the Labour Party is rising. Since their heavy defeat at the November municipal polls the Socialists have made a real recovery. Gravesend marked the turn of the tide.

Rising output of coal and new record in steel production were a welcome Christmas present to a harassed nation.

The people cheered the miners—and yesterday a chap said to me: "Perhaps even old Shewell wasn't as black as he painted himself."

Although the Labour Party propagandists like to pretend that Tories and Liberals would rather see Britain ruined than Socialism succeed, we all hope that things will continue to mend.

The country might even then be able to afford the most inept and ignorant Administration it has had since that of Lord New-castle 200 years ago.

Unfortunately, the signs are otherwise. When the Ministers have finished boasting about the triumph of nationalisation, the bill for dear, dirty coal will come in. The bill for crowded, slow rail transport will come in. The bill for all our admirable but also expensive social reforms will come in.

Year of Bounty

A man who should know—for he stands very near the heart of the Government's planning machine—told me this week: "We shall look back to 1947 as a Year of Bounty." So much faith had he got in Herbert Morrison's promise that we were already rounding Prosperity Corner.

There is, of course, no reason why this country should not raise itself to a new and almost fabulous good fortune. But it will never happen by the present popular method of kidding ourselves that every day and in every way we are getting better and better.

Take the latest illusion spread around by Socialist spokesmen. These gentlemen have just discovered the British Empire.

Until Mr. Creech Jones came along the British Empire was (a) the shameful legacy of Imperial piracy and exploitation; (b) a further area of Tory neglect.

It wasn't until the Ground Nuts Corporation got going that Britain awoke to the responsibilities (and advantages) of Empire! Clive, Durham, Rhodes had no vision! We had to wait for Ernie Bevin to throw into a discourse on trade unionism at

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The "Gardener's Chronicle" says that in a place infested with rats, one of the fraternity was recently caught, clothed in scarlet and then set free.

The little red-coat bolted into the midst of his friends, and inspired them with terror, and ultimately the host took to its revocable flight.

Mr. Duddell is instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Mart, Queen's Road—HAMS, GIN, BRANDY and WINE, in Wood and Bottle; Old LAMPS and FURNITURE, PLANKS, Empty CASKS, &c.

Also, one COW (in Milk), and Two Grey HORSES.

And at noon precisely, will be offered that handsome, useful and well-known Bay South American Bred HORSE, the property of the Hongkong Commis-sariat.

We would thank the "Friend of China" for the many pretty names by which he has designated us in his last issue. In the absence of matter more befitting his learned pen, he has made the slight, heading of a letter in our last issue, "Focus," and the letter itself, a text for a lengthened Leader.

The "Friend" could not or would not see that it was with a wish you may get the idea that we said "we trust such (the word) nothing that, slippers to California had of realising 300 per cent profit" will be realised in all their glory.

Southport last summer a casual phrase about a Colonial Customs Union for the dear old Daily Herald to wax lyrical about the civilising role of Britain in Africa.

What's Happening

Well, what's happening? Has anything serious been done since then? Africa, indeed, is out great hope, perhaps, our last hope. But the realisation of this hope at least five years off. Take industry here at home. It is no good bringing that production is up. It is not up high enough.

And why? Because we have not yet had the courage or the common sense to dip into the one great golden reserve which still remains to us—our clause.

We are not going to get to the Promised Land on a 35-hour week.

To say so now is to be labelled and labelled as a "reactionary." In six months' time the first Cabinet Minister to say it will be praised for his "foresight and fearlessness."

Meantime, what is being done to raise output within the existing framework of hours?

With one eye on the general

Playboy Of The Gods

The Emperor of Japan is reported to be able to have two most unusual accomplishments, he can fan himself with his toes and hold an umbrella in the rain—both feats being performed while swimming!

Now what is this strange spectacle upon the ocean scene?

Can a some time newfangled be (a secret submarine)?

I've travelled here, I've travelled there.

Ten thousand miles or more.

But nothing's happened to me.

I've travelled here, I've travelled there.

And many sights I've seen.

But never saw a pinner as yet.

Upon a submarine!

What's that? It's Nippon's Emperor.

A stealing Neptune's fire?

Well, strike me if there's been such things.

Since Homer biffed his lyre!

I've travelled here, I've travelled there.

Ten thousand miles or more.

But never saw an Emperor.

Perform such stunts before!

I've travelled here and travelled there.

And seen some real run goes.

Yet never saw a Sun-God swim.

A-fanning with his toes!

And if I don't see nothing more.

What shall I see again.

Beside him swimming balancing.

His broly in the rain!

(Such cables serve to snare, erase.

The things we used to see.

Like all those heads which "bowed three times"

Beneath his "snickernee"

R. G. W.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS

"When in doubt lead trumps" is only a joke, which usually is the worst possible advice. But there is no doubt at all about the advisability of a trump lead if the declarer and his partner had each shown a different suit in addition to the one in which the side landed. Then it should be clear to any defender that the declarer almost surely would like to ruff some losers with the dummy's trumps, and perhaps execute a complete cross-ruff. The only way to stop that is make him use two trumps to a trick instead of one, by leading trumps to him.

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D. Q 10 9 6 3
C. A 10 7
S. 10 9 5
H. 4 3
D. A K J 8
C. 9 6 5
S. 8 2
H. A Q J 7
D. J 8 2
C. K Q 4 2
S. A K Q 4 3
H. 7 2
D. 2 2
C. J 3 3
(Declarer East, North-South vulnerable.)
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GANDHI'S ASHES

New Delhi, Feb. 4. The ashes of Mohandas Gandhi will be committed to the sacred Hindu rivers at Allahabad on February 12, it was announced yesterday.

Sailem Chatterji, one of the Mahatma's staff, said casting of the stars had determined that date as most propitious.

The ashes will be scattered at the confluence of the Ganges, Jumna and Saraswati rivers—to Hindus the most sacred spot in all India.—Associated Press.

But North didn't see it that way at one table of a team match, so led his heart 9. The A won that for a diamond discard, a diamond was led, the K, the diamond 9 ruffed, the heart Q sent through for a club discard when South didn't cover, the heart J covered and ruffed, the diamond J covered by the Q and ruffed in dummy to draw an over-ruff by South's spade Q. The spade A and K were now cashed, much too late, and the 7 led. But West got all the rest of the tricks except one with the club A to make his contract.

At the other table, after similar bidding, North led the spade J, then the 6 for the A, K and Q to win trick after West lost one trick each in all side suits, so was down three. To a "niffell," the lead of a heart proved to be worth three tricks to the first declarer.

Tomorrow's Problem

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D. 10 7
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S. Q 7 2
H. 10 6
D. K Q 9
C. J 10 6
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H. A Q J 7
D. J 8 2
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H. 7 2
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I can't stop to talk now, Elsie—a man is following me!"

There's Chintz In Germany Too

By Ian Colvin

Berlin, Sunday. As you drive through Germany you often see among the houses that have roofs on curtains of a peculiar light blue or rusty-flowered chintz in the windows—the only two patterns that are available in furnish British houses.

You know at once from the chintz curtains that a British family lives there, and so do the German desperadoes who make a living by looting the victor. They know that there are clothes, wireless sets, food and cigarettes behind the blue and chintz curtains.

That is one of the reasons why the British housewife in Germany is living a very different life from the champagne-supper existence that some people imagine. It is hard to find a family here that has not been robbed by German burglars.

Take Berlin, for instance, which has about 430 British families and forty Messes. In six months last year there were 32 housebreakings, 26 garage breakings, 27 larcenies from dwellings, and of these 85 only three were detected. Even in cases of simple larceny numbering 347, usually by the servants, only 145 were detected.

In these six months there was a total of about 440 of the above named crimes, or about two per year per British family in Berlin. This is equal to thefts and housebreakings in a town of 100,000 in England. Here is what happened to a few people:

Mr. A. Albu, political chief in Berlin, went out to dinner and returned to find his flat ransacked. The thieves sat in the garden and watched him go up-stairs; then they re-entered the house and took his overcoat off the peg as well.

Brigadier W. R. N. Hinde, D.S.O., the deputy military governor, went on leave, but another officer and his servants were always in the residence. The burglars carried off all his family silver.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Gillespie went out to dinner, and when he returned to his flat it had been stripped of every article of clothing, food and jewelry. His wedding presents, silver, wireless set, clock and regimental badges were gone.

Sergeant-Major F. C. Gillies looked out of his Mess one dark night to see Germans loading into a lorry the wheels and tyres of a long line of parked British cars. He gave the alarm, but was himself stunned with a wheel spanner before help came.

The view in Britain is that the charges of high treason were never proved, that trials had a highly political character, whose main purpose was to eliminate the non-Communist opposition in Rumania and that they were not in accordance with Article 3 of Rumanian peace treaty, which guarantees enjoyment of normal political liberties, including the freedom of "political opinion and public meeting."

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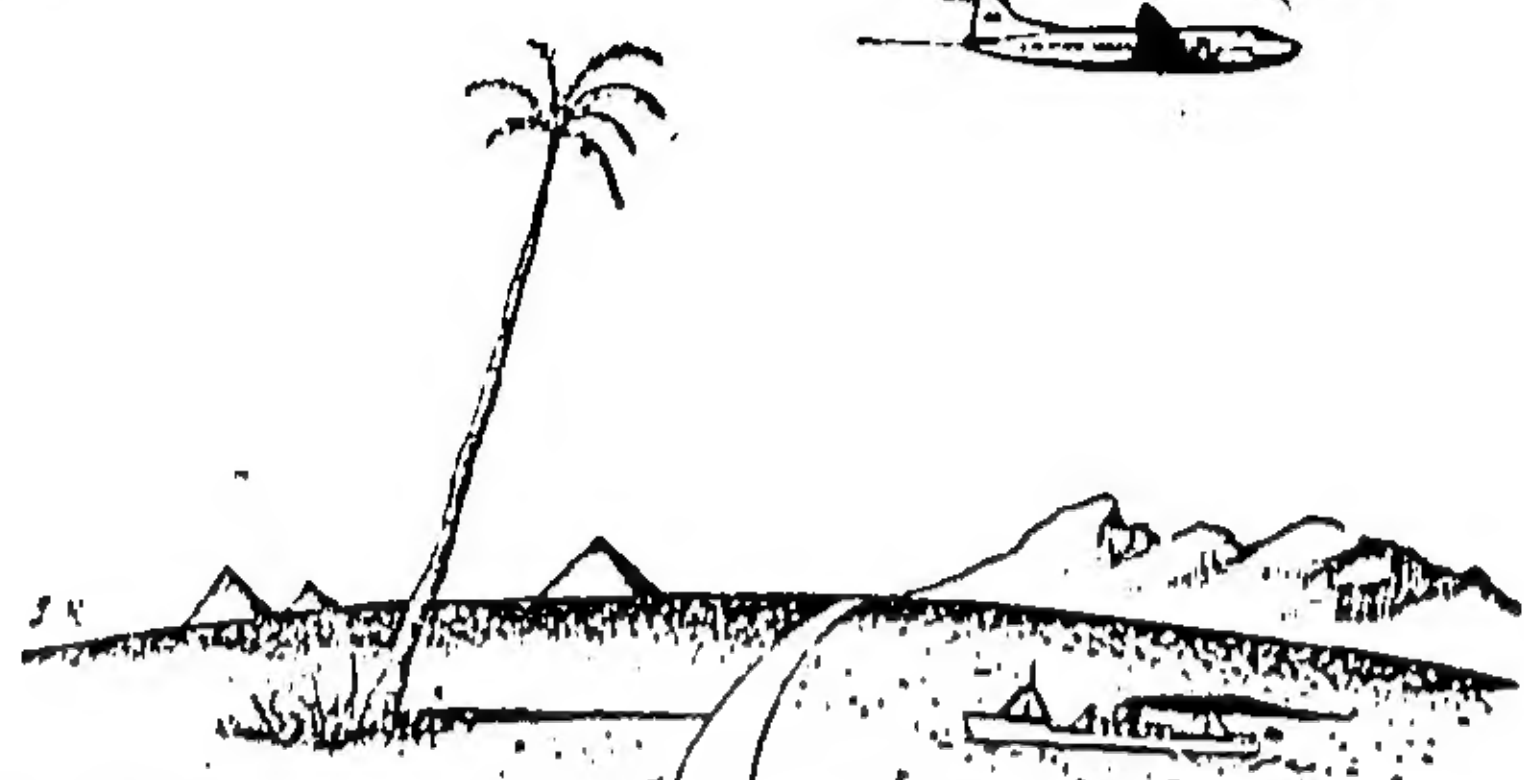
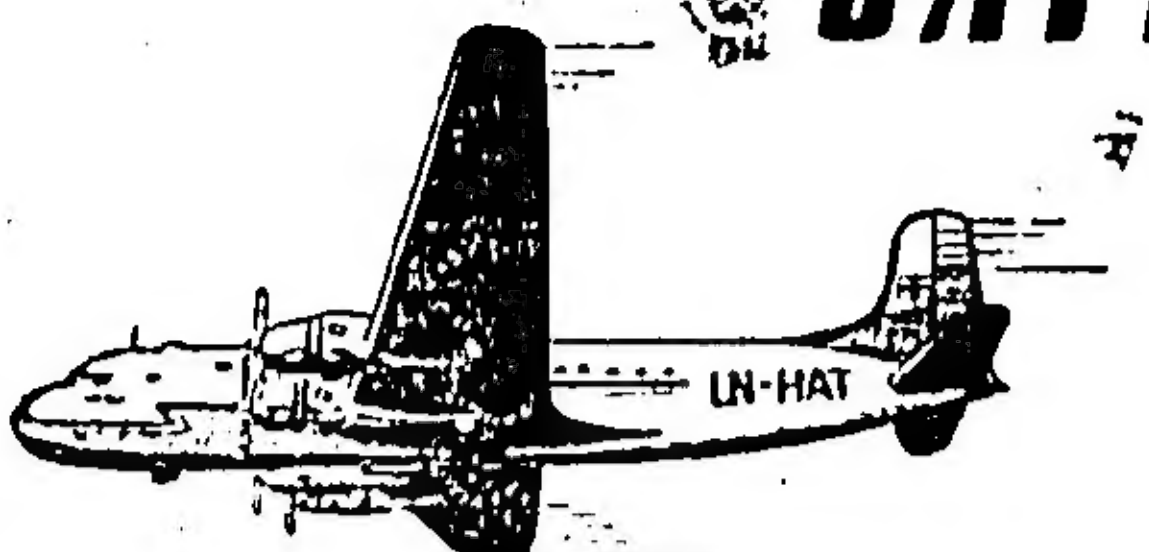
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CEYLON GETS INDEPENDENCE

Colombo Prepares For Celebrations

Britain's Newest Dominion

Colombo, Feb. 4.

Ceylon becomes an independent partner in the
British Commonwealth of Nations at midnight
tonight.

Celebrations throughout the newest Dominion to-
morrow will mark the coming of independence
after 315 years of Portuguese, Dutch and Bri-
tish rule.

The Sinhalese flag, lowered 122
years ago when the island nation
voluntarily accepted British rule,
will be hoisted to fly side by side
with the British Union Jack.

A gun salute will herald the
island's freedom at 0730 tomorrow,
when Sir Henry Moore will take the
oath as Governor-General. Religious
ceremonies will mark the occasion.

A harbor festival including fire-
works displays and water dances is
scheduled for tomorrow night.

The island is the second British
possession to be given self-rule with-
in the Commonwealth in three days.
Self rule for the Malayan Federation
was proclaimed on Sunday.

The Duke of Gloucester, acting on
behalf of his brother, King
George VI, will open the first ses-
sion of the new dominion's Parlia-
ment on February 10.—Associated
Press.

Teams of workmen are every-
where rigging up scaffolding, fixing
spotlights or brightening buildings
with colored paper and balloons.

Liberty flags—copies of the last flag
of Kandyan Kings—are prominent
everywhere.

Belles of Lanka, breathless
with anticipation, are busy shopping
or commingling through their war-
dresses.

Although the crescendo of the
celebrations will be reached only on
February 10, when the Duke of
Gloucester opens Parliament, a long
series of social gatherings, fetes and
carnivals will keep the islanders
looking their best.

A special carnival to choose an
"Independent Lanka's beauty queen,
1948" claims the particular attention
of the women, many of whom have
returned from India with ravishing
sarees after shopping trips.

BATAVIA, FEB. 4.
DR. HUBERTUS VAN
MOOK, DUTCH LIEU-
TENANT GOVERNOR-GEN-
ERAL OF THE NETHER-
LANDS EAST INDIES, TO-
DAY MET DR. MOHAMED
HATTA, INDONESIAN RE-
PUBLICAN PREMIER AND
VICE-PRESIDENT, FOR PR-
IVATE TALKS AIMED AT
THE IMPROVEMENT OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
DUTCH AND THE REPUBLI-
CANS.

Meanwhile, a nine-man Bri-
tish Army mission, led by
Colonel R. B. Lambie, arrived
here by air from Singapore to
assist the United Nations
Security Council good offices
commission in supervising ob-
servance of the truce between
the Republicans and the Dutch.

The mission included two
Lieutenant Colonels and six
majors.

Australia, the United States
and Belgium will soon increase
the number of military assis-
tants attached to the good offices
committee.

Mohammed Roem, former Re-
publican Minister of the In-
terior, will head the Republican
delegation to negotiate a polit-
ical settlement with the Dutch.
It was officially announced in
Jogyakarta, the Republican
capital, today.—Reuter.

**Deportation
Set Aside**

Washington, Feb. 4.

The Supreme Court has set
aside an order to deport Fong
Haw Tan, a native of China,
convicted of murder in the slay-
ing of two Chinese in Fresno,
California. Justice Douglas
delivered the unanimous deci-
sion.

Tan was sentenced on July
21, 1925, to life imprisonment
for the killing of Lai Quan and
Ong Kiu. Later he was parol-
led and ordered deported on the
ground he had been sentenced
more than once for a crime in-
volving moral turpitude.

Tan contended his life sen-
tence could not be considered as
two sentences.

The U.S. Circuit Court in San
Francisco ruled that conviction
for any two offenses was suffi-
cient, regardless of the form of
the sentence. Tan successfully
appealed from this ruling.

Associated Press.

ALARM IN FOOCHOW

Foochow, Feb. 4.

The city authorities today
started the construction of
pillboxes at strategic points
within the city limits as
well as on the outskirts,
following reported increased
activities by "bandits" who
were believed to be affiliat-
ed with the Communists.—
United Press.

Maritime Conference

Lake Success, Feb. 3.

A British motion to give vot-
ing rights to non-members of the
United Nations at the forthcom-
ing International Maritime Con-
ference was carried by the
majority of one in the United
Nations Economic and Social
Council today.

The following non-members
were invited to the conference,
called to regulate world ship-
ping: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria,
Eire, Finland, Hungary, Italy,
Portugal, Rumania, Switzerland
and Transjordan.

The British delegation asked
that these countries be given the
right not only to participate in
the conference but also to vote.

After a brisk interchange of
opinions, the non-members were
finally granted the voting right
by nine votes to eight, Chile ab-
staining.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Blames America

Sofia, Feb. 4.

Bulgaria's Communist Premier charged America
today with trying to incite a new war.

Georgi Dimitroff, trustedment for the first time in
confidence of Gen. Joseph Stalin
and former Secretary-General
of the Comintern, declared also
that the United States was try-
ing to dominate the world
through the Marshall Plan.

In a speech to Bulgaria's
Communist-dominated political
coalition, the Fatherland Front,
Dimitroff said American im-
perialistic policy had found
obedient servants in Leon Blum,
French Socialist leader, and Dr.
Kurt Schumacher, German So-
cial Democrat.

He termed Blum and Schu-
macher as "false socialists who
want to mislead the working
people."

He urged that the Fatherland
Front be reorganized so that in
effect this former Nazi ally may
become a one-party state.

Since the Bulgarian Govern-

HITLER TO BE TRIED!

Berlin, Feb. 3.

Hitler and his wife,
Eva Braun, are soon to be
tried "in absentia" before a
Munich denazification
tribunal, it was disclosed
here tonight.

Though they were reported to
have committed suicide in the air
raid bunker of the Reich's Chancel-
lery on April 29, 1945, their bodies
have not been found.

Delayed action proceedings are
being taken to clarify the position of
their estates, according to an Ameri-
can Military Government legal ex-
pert.

"If the charges against them are
upheld, then the tribunal can order
all their property to be handed over
to the State to be used as repara-
tions."

Several other top-ranking war
criminals will appear on the same
charge sheet, including Hermann
Goering, the Luftwaffe chief who
committed suicide shortly before he
was due to be executed, and others
who were hanged at Nuremberg or
sentenced to prison sentences.—Reu-
ter.

Britons Rush For Holidays

London, Feb. 3.

The lifting of the ban on
tourist traffic to Switzerland by
the Government from May 1
resulted today in a rush on
travel agencies by Britons an-
xious to make provisional book-
ings for their continental sum-
mer holidays.

But Switzerland is not the
only attraction. Large numbers
of people are also making pro-
visional arrangements for trips
to France, Italy, Belgium and
Holland, apparently disregarding
the fact that travel to these
countries is still banned and the
Treasury's warning that they
should await further announce-
ments to be made on March 1.

One leading travel agency's of-
ficial told Reuter: "We have
plans laid out for holiday to
every country in Europe. They
can be put into operation the
moment the ban is lifted."

"We already have thousands
of provisional bookings with
Switzerland well in the lead. If
the ban is lifted it will be a
bumper continental holiday sea-
son."—Reuter.

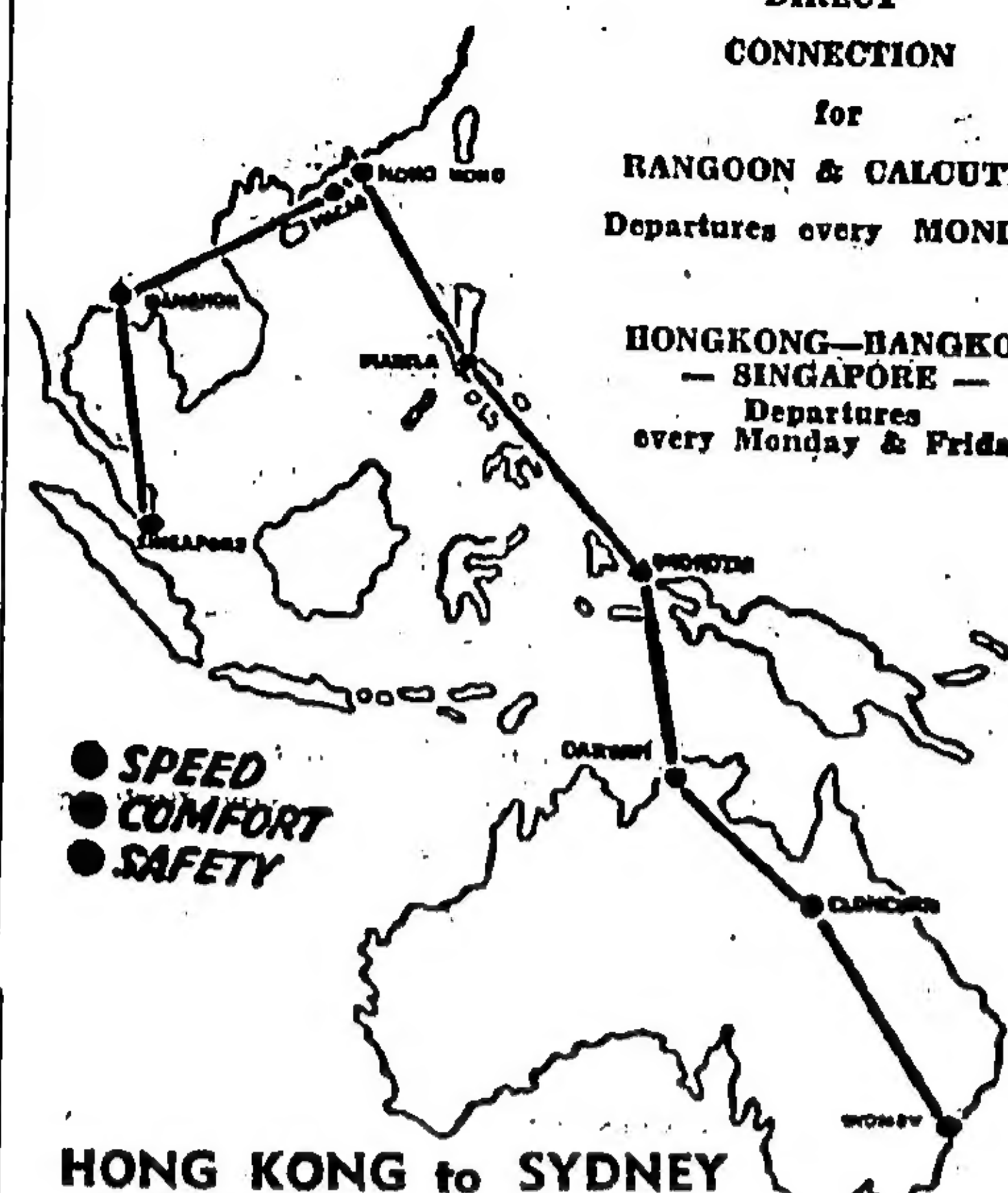
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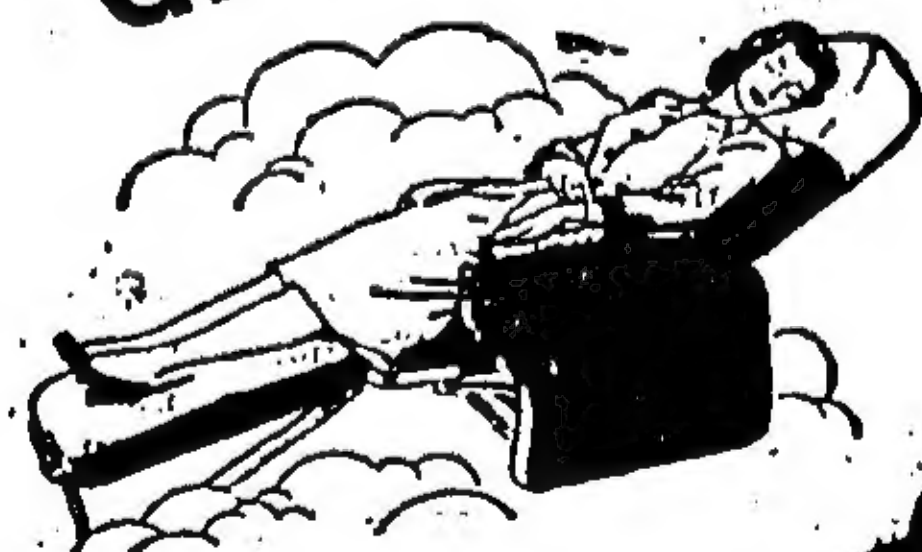
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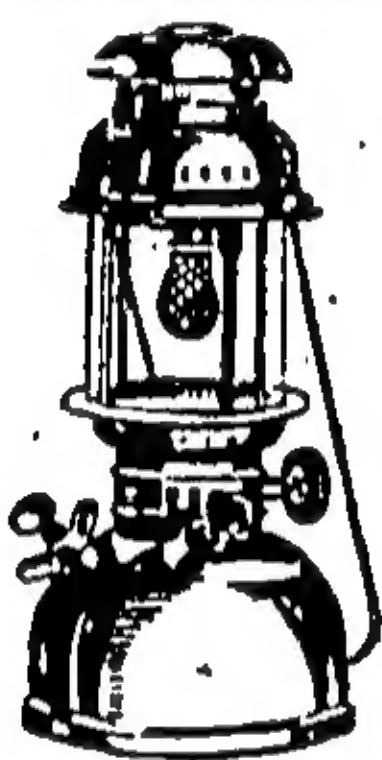
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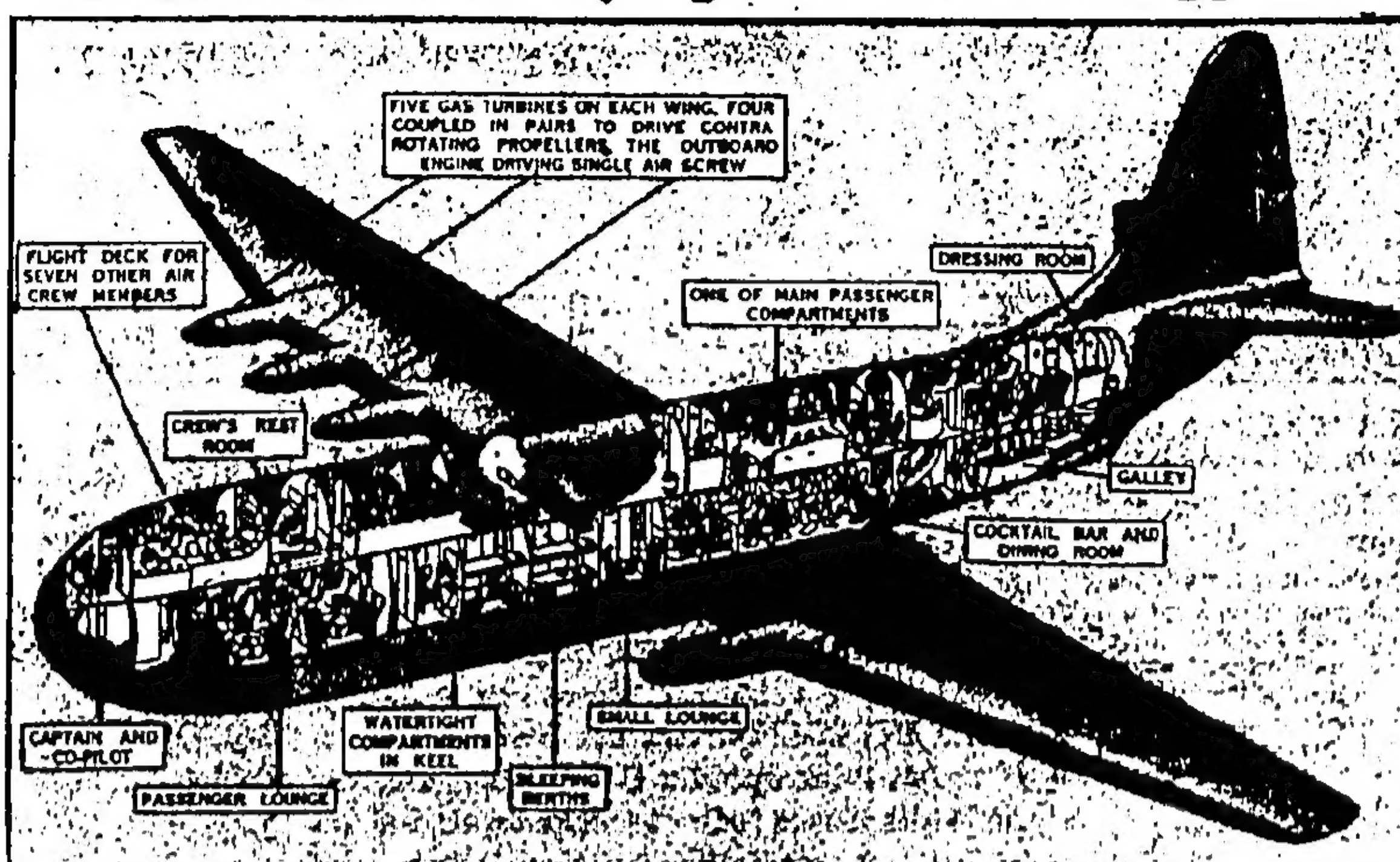


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**ENGINEERING PAGE****Double-Decked Flying In Britain's Biggest****RECORDING WITH WIRE**
By Arnold Hall

The idea of recording sound by magnetism on steel wire instead of the conventional way of disc-cutting, although recently became a practical reality, is not new. The principle was advanced by a Danish scientist half a century ago. Recently thanks to the Allied Arm Forces which sought a recording means during the war, capable of recording without interruption for long periods and yet simple and compact enough to be incorporated into a portable carrying case to withstand the rigors of field service, gave necessary impetus for developing the principle of magnetic recording into a practical medium of sound recording. The Wire-Recorder which is being produced commercially today is so simple and compact that it only slightly bigger than a portable typewriter and yet it contains all the mechanism for both recording and playback. On top of this superiority, the same piece of wire is capable of being used over and over again, as old recordings in the wire can be wiped off by re-running the wire through the machine as simply cleaning a slate.

First Discovery

Vladimir Poulsen, a Danish scientist was first credited with the discovery of the principle of magnetic wire-recording in 1898. His first recording machine was exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1900, which created considerable interest among scientists and laymen. His Telegraphone though sound in theory was nevertheless poor in sound reproduction and even compared unfavourably to the then far from perfect acoustic phonograph.

With the introduction of the vacuum tube and electronic amplification in the early twenties, interest in the possibility of high magnetic recording was again revived. At first research was confined to Germany. A scientist named Pflüger developed in 1928, a method whereby paper or plastic tape could be given a metallic coating sensitive enough for recording purposes. Thus for the first time, sound recording other than the use of disc was finally proven to be practical.

The principle of the magnetic wire-recorder is actually quite simple. The Microphone picks up sound and transforms it into an electric current of varying intensity. This current when passes through a Magnetic Head sets up a magnetic field. The magnetism is thus transferred to a wire which runs through the field at a constant rate of velocity. Upon playback, the magnetized wire in turn sets up a varying electric current which an amplifier and loudspeaker transform into sound. The quality of the reproduction of sound depends mainly on the speeds at which the wire runs through the Magnetic Head. The faster the speed, the higher the fidelity and the finer the sound reproduction.

A spool of wire of the Magnetic Wire-Recorder, runs through the machine very much in the same way as a spool of ribbon runs through a type writer and is, in fact, constructed along a similar line. A spool, holding 7,200 feet of wire gives a playing and recording time of an hour.

Magnetic recording does not confine itself to the use of wire alone. Another type is the one which employs a coated plastic tape wound on 8 mm reels of 7 in. diameter, giving a recording time of 30 minutes with a slightly higher frequency response of 5,000 cycles.

The application of the Magnetic Wire-Recorder for different purposes other than the field of music, (voice training and instrument practicing, which offers the musician for the first time the rare opportunity of listening and criticising his own work) is the scope of business administration. The Wire-Recorder can be used as a dictaphone and it preferred, used in conjunction with a pair of earphones for confidential matters. During directors' meetings or other important gatherings, the Recorder will replace the work of an efficient stenographer in minute-taking. In the field of advertising, it offers an excellent medium for training salesmanship. In the professional field, it is an excellent medium for a lawyer to make exact recording of interviews, and testimonials. It will likewise serve a doctor well for keeping record of case histories and a psychiatrist for recording the rambling but revealing chatter of a patient under treatment. For the journalist, it is the culmination of a few generations of the journalist dream for an economical machine with practically no operation overhead to duplicate the tedious work of taking notes during interviews or covering important functions. Even for the professional writer, the machine is infinitely superior to the typewriter or the employment of a secretary, since the machine is there where they want it and when they want it.

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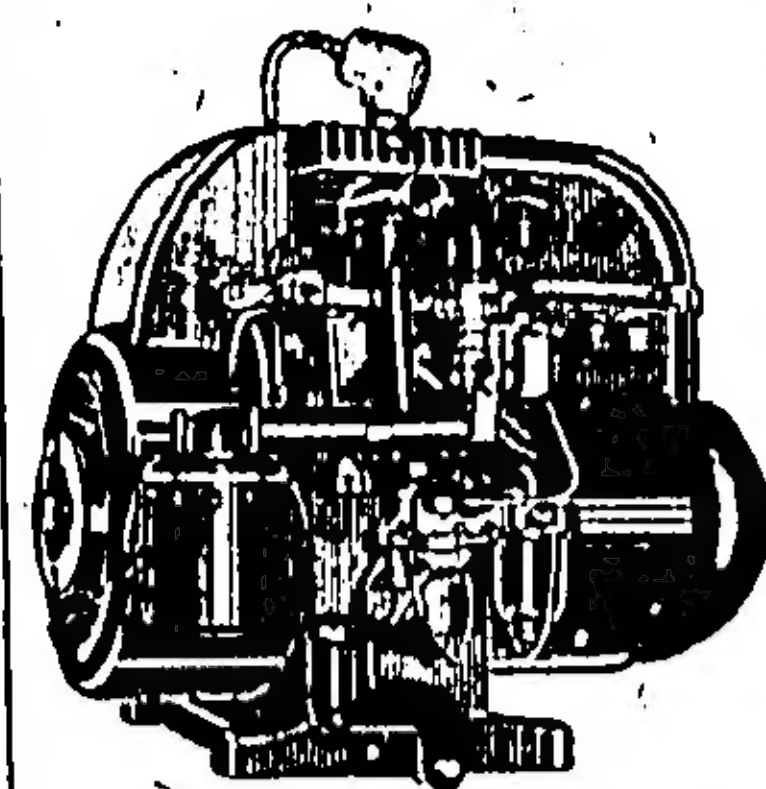
Finally, the Wire-Recorder offers the greatest entertainment value for home at a cost slightly higher than a good radio receiver. Radio programmes of fine music can be recorded for leisurely replays later, eliminating the cost of purchasing expensive records. Family parties and home gatherings are capable of being made much more entertaining and fun by the use of the Recorder.

All in all, there is a great future for the Magnetic Wire Recorder, a future which will undoubtedly develop into a battle royal between the major disc-record and gramophone companies of the world and the new industries of magnetic recordings.

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MARSHALL DEFENDS PLAN

Reduction Would Jeopardise Success

Labour's Support Of Scheme

Washington, Feb. 3. In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State said any move by Congress to cut America's contribution for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan below \$6,800 million would "jeopardise the success of the programme."

While Mr. Marshall defended his programme on the flank, a new attack broke out on another, with demonstrators carrying banners inscribed "The Marshall Plan Means Seamen Starve" and "Stop Ship Transfers" parading in front of the State Department.

The demonstration was organised by the National Maritime Union, who are opposed to the proposal that

500 American merchantmen be either sold or transferred to Europe.

Hirohito Mantle For MacArthur

Wellington, Feb. 3.

General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, had assumed the divinity renounced by the Japanese Emperor, Brigadier R. H. Quilliam, chief New Zealand prosecutor at the Japanese war trials in Tokyo, declared today.

In a speech to the Rotary Club on his return from the trials, Brig. Quilliam said: "The Emperor has renounced his divinity. It has been taken by General MacArthur."

"He has surrounded himself with a staff which I think is most competent for the job they are doing."

"They might be excellent soldiers, but as civil administrators they are hopeless."

They comprised the most rigid example of officialdom he had had the misfortune to deal with, he said. —Reuter.

Four Year Minimum

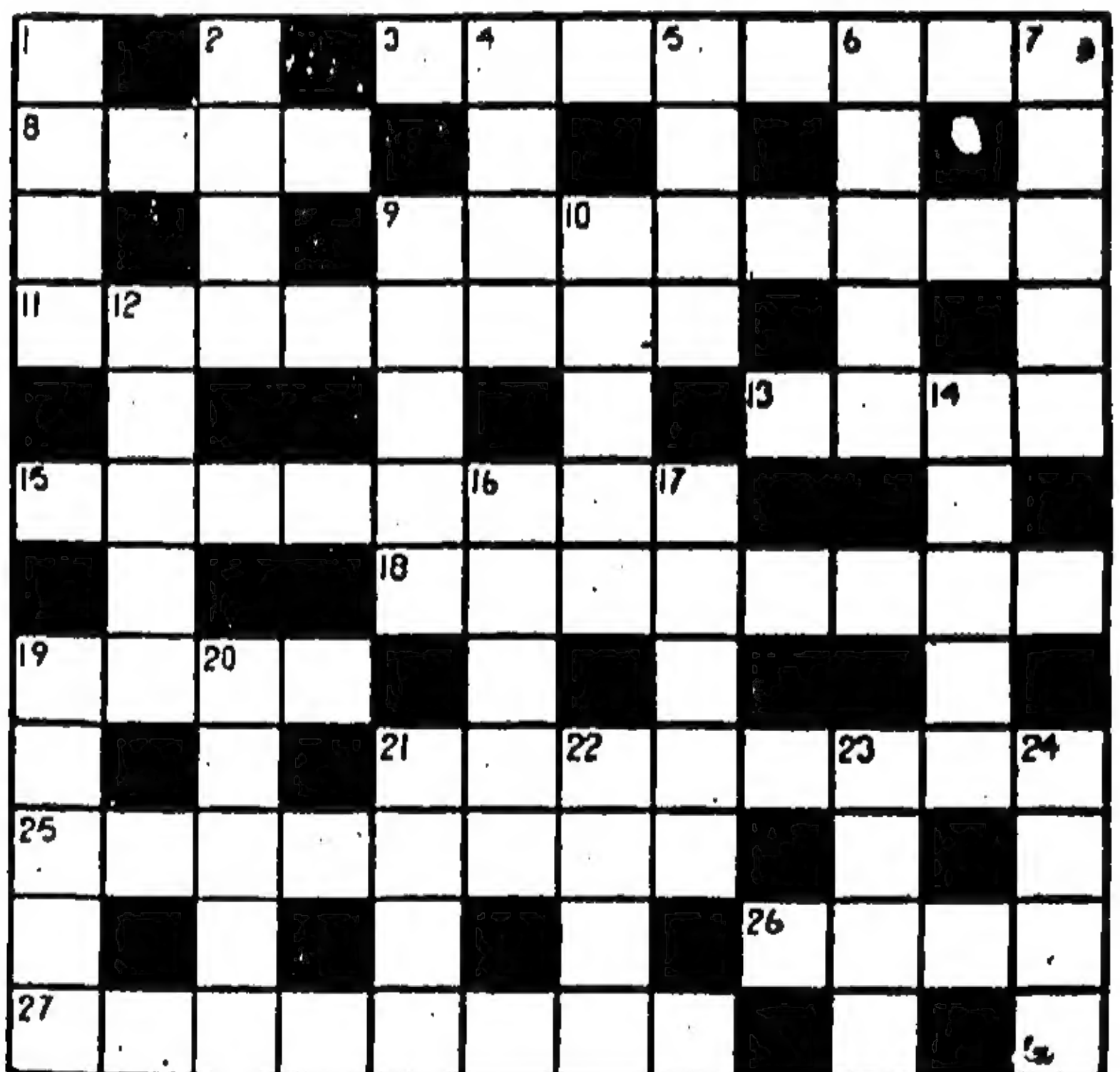
Mr. Murray's statement, which was presented by Mr. James Carey, the CIO Secretary, said: "No practical man or group could hope to bring about the needed rehabilitation in fewer than four years at the very minimum."

The statement supported the previous testimony from the American Federation of Labour maritime leaders with the view that "the CIO firmly opposes any further transfers of vessels from the United States flag to foreign registry and endorses the carriage of relief goods in American bottoms." —Reuter.

Senator William E. Jenner (Republican, Indiana) today criticized the European recovery plan as a short cut to United States bankruptcy and suggested that the Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, was against it only to "insure" its passage by Congress.

Senator, one of a block of Republicans bent on cutting the project to the bone, said in a Senate speech that the Marshall Plan could not turn Western Europe from Communism and State Socialism. —United Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 One who is... 18 Famous...
2 Boat... 19 Legend...
3 Canoe... 21 Producer...
9 Wounds... 25 Pursued...
11 Treked... 26 Metal...
13 Trail... 27 Examines...
15 N C O

Clues Down

1 Dress... 12 Satire...
2 Boat... 14 Open...
4 Mode of... 16 Renovate...
5 Amphibian... 17 Ran...
6 Cultivation... 19 Plain clothes...
7 Out of practice... 20 Relates...
9 More important... 21 Departed...
10 Fieldwork... 22 Tidy...
12 Gravid... 24 Engrave...

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Bullet, 4 Saves, 7 Infirmary, 8 Trail, 9 Schism, 11 Perish, 13 Insight, 15 Extent, 18 Peril, 19 Penalties, 20 Faxed, 21 Landed, 22 Down: 1 Bliss, 2 Laird, 3 Triumph.

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Whisk, Toddlers and Snow the Crow were, together once again. When they had talked and laughed over their latest adventures, Toddlers put a question: "Isn't there something we've all forgotten during these excitements?" he asked.



Whisk and Snow could not imagine what Toddlers was thinking about and he wouldn't help them. "Well, I'm not going to tell you all you've tried really hard," said Toddlers. "You must make three guesses first."

SOUTH UP IN ARMS

Washington, Feb. 3. Southern Democrats, described as "boiling mad" over President Truman's appeals for legislation to stamp out racial discrimination against the negro, were said today to be discussing the possibility of withdrawing their support from his candidature for re-election and naming a candidate of their own in the November elections. —Reuter.

Food Ship Gets Big Welcome

GLASGOW, FEB. 3. FIAGS WERE FLYING, THE PIPE BAND PLAYED AND SIR HARRY LAUDER SANG AS THE AMERICAN GIFT FOOD SHIP "YANKEE FRIENDSHIP" BEGAN UNLOADING 30,000 TONS OF FOOD CARGO HERE TODAY.

A large crowd of sightseers and officials watched the unloading. Deckers had agreed to discharge the cargo free as a gesture of thanks.

The cargo carried away in lorries decorated with the Stars and Stripes and the Scottish Lion.

In a speech of welcome, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary secretary to the Food Ministry, said: "The British people today are as energetic and as full of initiative as the early settlers who left these shores for New England in order to make a new world." —Reuter.

WAR UNLIKELY

Bathurst, Feb. 3. Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley feels an international war within a short time is most unlikely. Speaking at Bathurst, Mr. Chifley said, "The experts will take some convincing that war is probable in the near future." He added that Australia's atomic research programme is a safeguard measure, aimed at developing resources to the maximum. —United Press.

Burglars Pull Off New Coup

Ascot, Feb. 3. Jewellery insured for £20,000 has been stolen from Sunningdale Park, near Ednam House, where £20,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from the Duchess of Windsor in October, 1946.

The jewellery is understood to belong to Miss Marjorie Cunliffe-Owen, a relative of the late Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, the aircraft and tobacco magnate, who died in December.

Miss Cunliffe-Owen was out when the thieves entered her bedroom. Detectives found evidence that the robbery had been carefully planned — probably over some weeks in advance. Nobody heard the thieves at work.

At present prices, Miss Cunliffe-Owen's jewels are believed to be worth double the amount for which they are insured.

Sunningdale Park lies off the Bagshot-Portsmouth Road and is not far from Windlesham Moor, the new home of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. —Reuter.

CHINA REQUEST REBUFFED

Washington, Feb. 3. Private advice from China indicate that Nanking has instructed the Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, to ask the American Government to grant China additional financial aid in an annual lump sum instead of monthly. Immediate reaction within Congressional circles was, "There will be no lump sum aid for anybody."

The Chinese Embassy declined comment beyond saying that the Embassy and Pao Tsu-ye are continuing contacts with the State Department concerning the anticipated new aid for China programme. —Associated Press.

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ARRIVALS TODAY

Gertrude Maersk (Jardine) from New York, A.P.L.
Newchuan (H. & S.) from Java & Singapore, B.O.A.C.
Tehjeh (H. & S.) from Java & Singapore, B.O.A.C.

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Christian Star (C.N.A.C.) to Hubei, H.C.
Hai Chen (C.N.A.C.) to Hubei, H.C.
Jackson Victory (Jardine) to Sandakan, Y.M.T.

VESSELS IN PORT

Agnes (H. & S.) from Java, B.O.A.C.
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Alphard (H. & S.) from Java, B.O.A.C.

CANADIAN PORTS

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SAILING SCHEDULES

AMERICAN PORTS (PACIFIC & ATLANTIC)
Feb. 6 Castille (H. & S.) to U.S.A.
Feb. 7 Indian Navigator (H. & S.) to New York.

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Airmail for Canton, Swatow and Amoy: Airmail for Kowloon, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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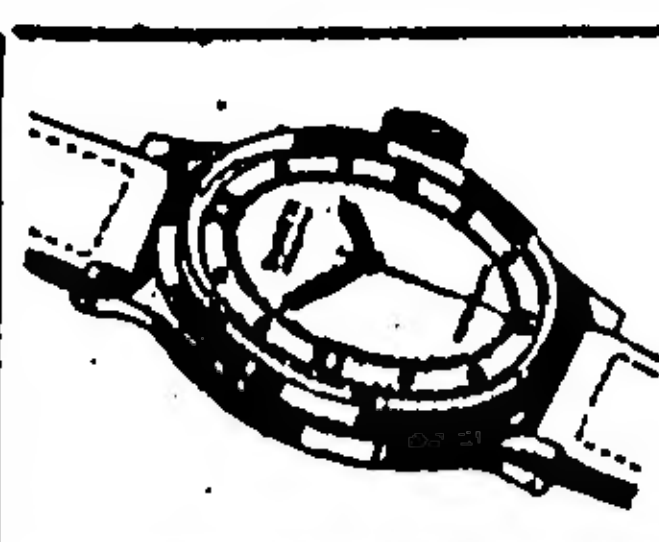
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'Kwong Tung' Fire Enquiry Telegram From Secretary Of State For Colonies Expresses Condolences Main Deck Covered With Baggage

"In my opinion the potassium chlorate was concerned in the fire," said Mr. R. C. Terry, Government Analyst, at the official enquiry into the fire on the river steamer "Kwong Tung," which opened yesterday at the Harbour Office. Mr. Terry was giving expert evidence on his analysis of the substances found at the scene of the fire. He took three samples of white powder which he found on analysis to be potassium chlorate.

Assisting Mr. J. Jolly, President of the Court, were: Lt. Commander J.B.P. Stirling (R.N.) and Captain W. Lumsden (Master Mariner).

Mr. C. Y. Kwan held a watching brief for the charterers, the Yuen Cheong S.S. Company, Inspector Franklin was for the Police, and Mr. K. H. Lee, Secretary of the Yuen On Shipping Company, represented the owners.

Before proceedings began, the President read a telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows: "I learn with great regret of the tragic accident resulting from the fire in the S.S. Kwong Tung. Please convey my sincere sympathy to the relatives of those killed and injured."

The Court then adjourned for half an hour in order to familiarize the members of the Court with the general layout of the vessel.

Capt. Trott

Resuming after the adjournment the first witness, Captain Charles Trott, Master of the S.S. Kwong Tung at the time of the fire, in answer to various questions from the Court, stated that the Kwong Tung arrived from Canton at 8.00 a.m. on the morning of the fire and was berthed on the East side of the Yuen On wharf.

He arrived on his ship at 7.30 p.m., shortly after the fire, enquired of the Chief Officer what the commotion was and told that there was a fire in the aft tween-deck. The forward and aft large cargo port doors were opened. The middle door was never opened.

All the cargo port doors on the starboard side were always closed.

He had two gangways in position from the forward and after cargo ports on the port side. There was an additional gangway leading to the saloon deck.

There was no cargo on board at the time of the fire and he produced the manifest to substantiate his statement.

"Goods on the main deck were passengers' luggage," he said.

The main deck was completely covered with baggage when he visited it at 7.30 p.m.

Powerless

"We are powerless to prevent passengers from operating their luggage on the main decks. It is not a proper procedure but the practice had been going on for many years," he said.

All the four ladders leading to the main deck were cleared when he visited that part of the ship.

Dead low water was at 6.40 p.m. and passengers could easily have jumped onto the wharf from the main deck.

The ship was to have sailed at 9.00 p.m. that night and in his opinion the cause of so many deaths was panic. The passengers could have easily gone up to the main deck.

At 7.30 p.m. there was still a certain amount of excitement, but he could not say whether the closed cargo port doors could be opened or not.

Asked by Inspector Franklin whether he noticed passengers throwing baggage on to the wharf, he replied "No."

He noticed firemen picking up bodies and some were rendering first aid. He agreed that the Police did excellent work.

William John Andrews, Chief Officer, said he was on board at the outbreak of the fire which was about 6.45 p.m.

Cry Of 'Fire'

He immediately came out of his cabin when he heard a cry of "Fire" from the lower deck and immediately connected up the fire hose, which was located on the boat deck, and passed it to the gun.

He then made his way to the main deck and on the way picked up the comradore staff and requested them to render what help they could.

He then went down the Starboard ladder leading to the main deck, where the fire had originated, and there saw two seamen putting out the fire with extinguishers.

He was carried off the deck floor by the mob and carried on to the wharf. At no time did his feet touch the decks.

He would certainly say that Inspector Groves did excellent work in controlling the mob going up the gangway, otherwise there would have been greater loss of life. Two Revenue Officers assisted in controlling the crowd.

"The whole trouble was that some passengers already on the wharf were trying to make their way back to the ship for their baggage."

"The fire was already out but there was quite a lot of smoke of a white and dark brown colour." The Fire Flant had by this time arrived and their use of searchlights gave a lot of assistance.

Passengers could not be prevented from smoking in the main decks, but watchmen were always on the alert.

Light Failed

He reckoned that there were between 400 and 500 passengers on board at the time of the fire. The fire-lighting equipment on board the ship was up to date.

At the time of the fire the ship was on shore lighting. This failed very shortly after the fire broke out but it was a matter of no more than 20 seconds when lighting was resumed from the ship's supply.

The shore wiring might have been damaged or disconnected by the crowd's stampede.

Passengers began disembarking at 5.00 p.m.

"It is not unusual for friends of passengers to see them off to the boats," he said.

He could only remember one occasion when he had detected passengers carrying hazardous goods.

A baggage room or reserved space for baggage would not be acceptable to the passengers, who would not leave their baggage.

"Partial suffocation and the result of the stampede would have been the chief cause of the loss of so many lives."

"No starboard doors were ever opened at any time."

"Both stairways on the bow and stern of the vessel were readily accessible."

None of these who rushed off the ship were carrying their baggage.

Asked by Mr. Kwan whether the spreading of luggage on the decks had been a practice for a long time and if it occurred on all river vessels, he replied that it was the practice.

Second Engineer

The third witness, Leung Tau, Second Engineer, said he was asleep in his cabin when the fire broke out and was awakened by the commotion. He left his cabin and went to the aft upper deck by climbing up the side of the ship. His cabin was by the side of the engine room on the saloon deck.

When he reached the boat deck everything seemed to be all over.

Wong Choi, Third Engineer, said that at about 7.00 p.m., when passengers were disembarking, he heard a cry of "Save Life" from the steerage at the stern of the ship.

He was then in the engine room and intended to go up to the main deck. Leaving the engine room he saw a glow by the stairway on the starboard side and immediately went back into the engine room.

He then made his way to the main deck and on the way picked up the comradore staff and requested them to render what help they could.

He then went down the Starboard ladder leading to the main deck, where the fire had originated, and there saw two seamen putting out the fire with extinguishers.

Preached, Didn't Practice

London, Feb. 3. After writing a school essay on Safety First, 11-year-old Henry Hemmings of Birmingham, was killed today when he slipped from the back of a lorry from which he was hanging. — Reuter.

The engine room to operate the bilge pump, which was the fire pump.

While in the engine room he found that the lighting from shore had suddenly faded out. He immediately connected up with the ship's lighting by starting the dynamo. The ship was in darkness for about 10 minutes.

He went up on deck and noticed that the shore lighting cable had been broken. He immediately repaired it and once again switched on the shore lighting.

He could not say whether there was any stampede as for most of the time he was in the engine room, but when he emerged there was still a lot of noise.

In his opinion the breaking of the cable was caused by the stampede.

Chan So, Watchman, said that he was on the main deck in the forward part of the vessel when the fire broke out.

It was his duty to supervise the embarkation of deck passengers. He was not aware of the time of the outbreak and did not know there was a fire until he heard the noise of the passengers.

Stayed On Board

He did not jump on to the wharf but remained on board controlling the crowd. From where he was he could not see if any of the passengers had fallen into the water. He noticed that some of the passengers were carrying small baggage while leaving the ship.

Wu Hoi Keung, watchman on board the ship, stated that he was at the aft cargo port door on the main deck controlling the passengers embarking and directing them to their places.

At about 7.05 p.m. he saw a burst of flame at the foot of the stairway on the starboard side and a little later saw a canvas hose being played on to the fire, which was soon extinguished.

There was a wild stampede by the passengers to get ashore but he did not see any of the passengers bring any baggage with them.

He did not see any passengers from the wharf trying to get back on to the boat. He remained on board throughout the stampede.

Passengers, besides rushing the gangway, were also rushing up the stairway, and he suggested that had the people remained calm more could have escaped through the stairway.

Dense Smoke

Chan Sing-yu, seaman of the S.S. "Kwong Tung," who said that upon hearing shouts of "fire" he rushed to the fire hose box on the port deck but found he could not bring the hose down the stairway to the main deck owing to the dense smoke.

He dropped the hose down the side of the ship, climbed down after it and trained the hose on the fire from an open grill window. The fire, which was some eight feet away from the window, was put out in about fifteen minutes.

The smoke was of a white and yellowish colour, and was being blown by the wind towards the gangway.

When he looked down the staircase he could see the fire at the foot of it.

After the fire was extinguished he saw five expended fire extinguishers lying flat on the main deck in the vicinity of the fire.

Lau Moon, another seaman, told the Court he assisted the previous witness in bringing the hose down from the top deck.

Hung Yuk-shu, No. 1 comradore of the ship, was in the box for more than an hour, and was closely questioned by the President of the Court.

Hung said that altogether there were 402 passage tickets sold on Jan. 31, made up of 11 1st class cabin, 6 1st class un-berthed, 15 second class, 37 2nd class, and 334 steerage.

No cargo was carried. Passage tickets were sold on the wharf, and on board ship after the ship had sailed. He agreed that there was thus no means of checking how many passengers were actually on board when the ship sailed. Ordinarily he said, the number of people buying their passage on board after departure did not exceed 100.

Each passenger was allowed about 40 lbs. free baggage. Above this there was a charge for excess quantity. This was checked on board after the ship had sailed, when passage tickets were collected. There was no limit to the quantity of baggage carried, so long as excess charge was paid.

Witness could not say whether same practice with regard to excess baggage was adopted by other river steamers.

Hung said it was customary for friends to accompany passengers on board to see them off. He could give no estimate as to the number of such friends on the night of the disaster.

Inspections

Asked by the President whether he ever made inspections on the main deck before the ship's departure, witness said watchmen were specially detailed for this work and instructed to keep a look-out for parcels of a suspicious nature. He himself only made occasional cursory inspections.

These watchmen directed passengers to stow their baggage properly so as not to obstruct the passage-ways and the gangways.

No deck chairs were on hire to steerage but passengers were not prevented from using them provided they caused no obstruction.

Private cooking was not allowed by passengers.

Could passengers be persuaded to deposit their baggage in a baggage room? asked the President, to which the witness replied they could not because they feared their baggage might get mixed up.

Since there was no check on the number of passengers on board before the ship left, how was the number on the application for clearance arrived at, was another question asked by the President.

Witness said he did not know, as that was the responsibility of the Captain.

"You have seen the disorderly condition of the baggage on the main deck after the fire. Would you have allowed the ship to leave that night, with the baggage in that condition, if there hadn't been a fire?" asked Inspector Franklin.

Up To Captain

Witness replied that that was for the Captain to decide, but he thought the ship would have sailed and the baggage been properly stowed after sailing.

Harold Tiplady, Divisional Officer Fire Brigade, said the first call from the ship was received at 7.15 p.m. on Jan. 31 and he arrived on the scene within three minutes. There was another appliance and a fire float.

He had great difficulty in getting on board due to the great congestion, but when he did get on to the ship he saw two members of the crew had actually extinguished the fire with fire hoses.

He saw people in the water and a European Police Inspector helping them out.

At the scene of the fire he saw some white powder and a bottle of acid which he took away and sent to the Government Chemist.

Samples Analysed

Richard Cresce Terry, Government Analyst, said he collected various samples from the scene of the fire on Feb. 2, and was also handed some samples by the Police.

One sample was a reddish substance which he found to be a vegetable tanning extract of a similar nature to catechu.

Three other samples were white powder which he found to be potassium chlorate, and three other samples were charred sack-lime.

The reddish substance was in no way dangerous and burns with great difficulty.

The potassium chlorate, on the other hand, was definitely dangerous, both in itself and also when in contact with other substances.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Terry, "the potassium chlorate was the cause of the fire."

Jockeys Hurt In Collision

(By "Rapier")

In the course of their training, Blue Sky (Mr. K. Kwok) and Meteor (Chinese Riding Boy) came into collision with each other near the winning post.

Both riders were thrown off their mounts. The Chinese Riding Boy suffered slight concussion and had to be carried back to the Jockeys' room where he was attended by Dr. C. C. Ma, who happened to come in to see the morning gallops. After examination Dr. Ma ordered that the boy be sent to Queen Mary Hospital for further attention.

Mr. K. Kwok was found to be suffering from a slight injury to his left leg and was able to walk about with the help of a stick.

After the collision both ponies galloped for two or three rounds and were then caught on the course and brought back to the stables without any ill effects.

TEAMS

The following are to represent C.C.C. against the Navy on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—S. Ramehand (Captain), G. Hong Choy, P. J. Billimoria, E. A. Lee, R. R. Irvine, D. Leonard, T. Crabtree, K. Y. Tam, J. P. Tsui, A. H. Small, Robert Tay. Reserve: L. Wong.

Against the Chief and Petty Officers, R.M.S. Tamar on Sunday, at 1.30 p.m., the C.C.C. will be represented by:—G. Hong Choy (Captain), H. P. Lim, W. Hong Shing, A. H. Small, C. S. Carr, L. Wong, A. M. Omar, P. E. Mail, R. R. Irvine, H. S. Chowla, L. M. Omar. Reserve: A. Kurunuru.

BOWLS

The Annual "Attahoy" Bowls Match will be played at the K.H.C.C. on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10.30 p.m. Lunch and Tea will be available and members wishing to partake are requested to book, (either by Telephone to the Steward or entering their name on the list in the Club) not later than Sunday, Feb. 8.

After the match the presentation of trophies will be made to the Winners and Runners-up in the Club Competitions.

The Chinese Cadre have officially withdrawn from the Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

All outstanding matches have therefore been cancelled.

GOLD ON FRENCH FREE MARKET

Paris, Feb. 4.

Gold went on a free market in France today for the first time since 1939. A Government bill to permit free trading in gold was enacted last night by the Upper Chamber of the French Parliament.

The Chamber of Deputies, the Lower House, passed it last week.

The measure, part of the Government's anti-inflation programme, was intended to bring gold out of hiding for use by the nation.

The Government has extended the deadline for turning in 5,000 franc notes, which have been outlawed as legal tender in another effort to bring hoarded money into circulation.

City employees in Marseilles struck and said they would remain out until the Government announced how and when it would redeem the outlawed bills.

Four men were arrested in Paris after offering to buy 40 5,000-franc notes at half their face value.—Associated Press.

KCC DANCE

Arrangements for the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual Chinese New Year Eve dance have now been completed.

A first-class dance band has been engaged and dancing will continue from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The hall will be decorated in a red and green motif (the club's colours), and during the evening a special buffet supper will be served.

Members and friends are urged to book their tables for this event without further delay.

Lake Success, Feb. 4. India laid down her terms for Security Council action in the Kashmir dispute yesterday, and Pakistan promptly rejected them.

No progress was made in a three-hour Council meeting toward the settling of the controversy.—Associated Press.

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Shocking State Of Shanghai Street Shelters

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

Mayor K. C. Wu today promised to investigate conditions in winter relief shelters in China's largest city, as the price of rice soared to a new alltime high, promising to increase the number of Shanghai's hungry and homeless. Rice leaped to CN\$1,600,000 for a picul (133 lbs.) with a further increase predicted before Chinese New Year, February 10.

The Mayor's inquiry has been prompted by stories in the English language "China Press," describing Relief Shelter Number Three. More than 300 men were found sleeping in one room, herded into large unlit buildings made of bricks or mud.

The men were sleeping on heaps of straw on a mud floor. Inmates were not allowed to go into the courtyard, making the air inside fetid and nauseating.

Meals consisted of two bowls daily of stiff, saltless paste—a mixture of soya bean waste, broken rice and vegetable scraps. They received no drinking water and got a beating from the camp Supervisor if they tried to step outside.

A large number of those in the shelter have jobs or homes, but were rounded up because they were shabbily dressed or ill.

According to the paper, relief recipients wept and begged visitors to release them "on bail."

About 50% of those in the boys' shelter asked their hands when asked who had not had enough to eat.

Women Kowtow

Some women kowtowed—banged their heads on the floor in the old style of showing subservience—before Social Affairs Commissioner Wu Kai-shien, saying they had not had enough food and begged to be returned to their husbands and children.

The shelter is being supported by CN\$40,000,000 collected during the winter relief campaigns. It cares for 1,000 persons.

This compares with an estimated 200,000 refugees reported to have streamed into Shanghai during the past year from areas overrun by the civil war.

Government efforts to alleviate the situation have fallen short of the goal because of lack of money.

Prices Soar

Commodity prices continue to rise and to keep pace the Central Bank of China raised its open market rate from CN\$19,500 to CN\$31,500 for US\$. The open market is thus gaining on the black market, which is steady at about CN\$150,000 to US\$1.

The city has announced that the rates for public utilities will be increased tomorrow from 25 to 30%.

—Associated Press.

Davis Cup Entries

New York, Feb. 3.

Twenty-nine nations have challenged the United States for the Davis Cup, it was officially announced here today.

The draw to determine the order of play will be made later this week. All but four of the challenging nations have elected to compete in the European zone. Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico have entered for the North American zone.

Competing in the European zone will be: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Last year 22 nations challenged for this greatest lawn tennis trophy in the world.

Eleven countries in this year's competition did not enter in 1947. On the other hand, Greece, South Africa, Monaco and New Zealand, all of whom competed last year, are not among the challengers this time.—Reuter.

Soviet Speed-Skaters

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.

The Soviet Union will send speed-skating representatives to the European championships at Hamar, Norway, next week. It was learnt here today.

The Russians have paid their subscription to the International Skating Union during its meeting here and two of the best skaters in the Soviet Union, Kudachev, 500 metres ace and Petrov, 1,500 metres skater, will contest European events against the best skaters on the Continent.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY POSTPONED

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.

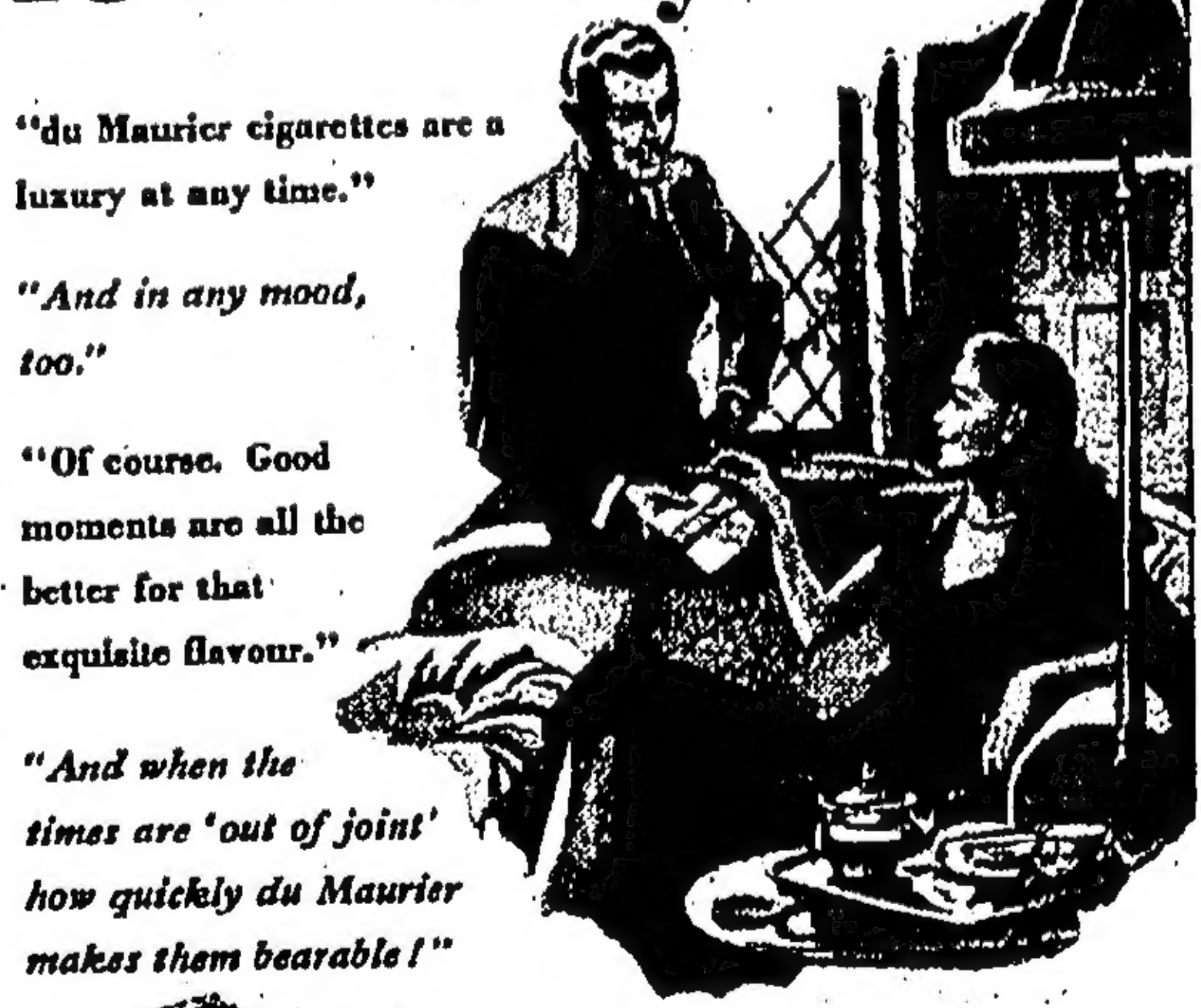
Owing to the bad conditions of the ice due to the hot sun, the ice-hockey match between Switzerland and Britain was postponed much to the disappointment of the huge crowd that gathered to watch.

There was also no chance of resuming the women's figure-skating owing to ice conditions and a start will now be made with the third figure tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

St. Moritz, Feb. 3.

The historic Olympic flag was tonight stolen from its mast over the Olympic ice stadium here probably by an over-ambitious souvenir hunter.—Reuter.

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